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### TODAY'S MUST-READS

#### SPRINGFIELD

### Ban on gas sales to illegal dirt bikes considered

City councilors said this week they want to hear from gas station owners before voting on a new ordinance that would prohibit the sale of gasoline to riders of dirt bikes and other illegal recreational vehicles in Springfield.

The council's Public Safety Committee has scheduled a remote meeting on Monday at 3 p.m. to hear about any concerns or suggestions.

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#### SPRINGFIELD

### Families in need receive food, school supplies

Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children, assisted by community volunteers, joined forces yesterday to provide food, school supplies and other essentials to families in need.

Price Rite and Feed the Children were expecting to provide approximately \$200,000 worth of food and essentials to about 400 families totaling about 1,600 individuals.

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#### EASTHAMPTON

### Former hardware store sold for \$1.4 million

The Center for Human Development bought the former Manchester Hardware building at 55-69 Union St. in Easthampton's downtown last week for \$1.4 million.

Manchester Hardware closed last year after 125 years in business. The building has been vacant only since the end of the last liquidation sale in December. Full story, Page A2

### WEATHER

Mostly sunny and nice.

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#### SPRINGFIELD

## Baker vows to close vaccination gap

\$30 million in small business aid unveiled during brewery tour

By JIM KINNEY

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Gov. Charlie Baker acknowledged yesterday that the state must make getting a COVID-19 vaccine more convenient and work harder to encourage vaccination — especially in Hampden County, where vaccination rates have lagged.

"We're not going to stop," Baker said just after visiting the Caring Health Center in Springfield and declaring yesterday "Vaccinator Appreciation Day."

Later, Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito toured the new beer-making room at White Lion Brewing Company in Springfield's Tower Square before announcing \$30 million in grant and loan programs aimed at small businesses as they recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

At the Caring Health Center, Baker mentioned putting mobile vaccination buses out where people will congregate this summer, including night spots.

"I could see one on this very street," he said.

The Caring Health Center, in Springfield's South End, was also a COVID-19 testing site.

In Hampden County, 50% of the eligible population (those age 12 and up) was fully vaccinated as of last week, according to state statistics. That trails every other county in Massachusetts. Neighboring Hampshire County is at 56%. Franklin and Berkshire counties are at 61%.

The poor showing here has been

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Above, Gov. Charlie Baker, left, takes a tour yesterday with White Lion founder Raymond Berry at White Lion Brewing Company in Springfield. At left, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, speaking at the brewery yesterday, announces \$14.6 million in small business loans, \$4 million in small business technical assistance grants and \$11.3 million for crowdfunding matches and digital capabilities grants.

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**"No small businessperson can go at it alone. It takes a collective to move a business forward."**

Raymond Berry, White Lion founder

#### SPRINGFIELD

## Citizens Council granted \$1.5 million

Nonprofit aims to get youth jobs in construction, health care

By ELIZABETH ROMÁN

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Youth in Greater Springfield who have dropped out of school or are at risk for gang involvement are getting a chance to earn equivalency certification and a job through a \$1.5 million grant awarded to the New North Citizens Council.

"This is one we really were hoping to get because we work with these young people every day and this gives us the means to help them make major changes in their lives and futures," said Maria Ligus,

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Joesiah Gonzalez stands outside the New North Citizens Council's new youth services center in Springfield. New North Citizens Council received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to assist youth in Greater Springfield who have dropped out of school with a chance to earn equivalency certification and a job. (NEW NORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL PHOTO)

#### BOSTON

## Bill elevates focus on mental health in schools

Supporters say issues demand more attention

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK

State House News Service

A wide-ranging bill aimed at addressing a what advocates say is a youth behavioral health crisis would create a group tasked with state officials on behavioral health, provide technical assistance and professional development to school districts, and mandate age-appropriate behavioral health education.

The Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery Committee heard testimony yesterday afternoon on Rep. Marjorie Decker's legislation (H 2084), which is also called the Thrives Act. Supporters of the bill say it takes a holistic approach to addressing behavioral health needs across the state.

The legislation would also establish a council tasked with advising state agencies and Legislature on the implementation of a multi-

tiered system of behavioral health promotion, prevention, and intervention services in school districts.

The 10-member group would include the state's mental health, public health, and education commissioners. Decker said people tend to work in "silos" when approaching behavioral health.

"It really brings together a broad group of people who are all doing important work, but do not have a mandatory formal place to come and talk about best practices and training," the Cambridge Democrat said.

"Prior to the pandemic, we did not have enough services in our schools, nor in our hospitals to address the growing crisis of children's mental health needs," Decker said. "... Because we have not adequately provided families, students, and schools with the tools to meet the needs of our adolescents and youth's mental health, it grows into a crisis."

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The Center for Human Development purchased the former Manchester Hardware building at 55-69 Union St. in Easthampton last week for \$1.4 million. (JIM KINNEY / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

EASTHAMPTON

Former hardware store sold for \$1.4M

Center for Human Development plans office space

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Manchester Hardware closed last year after 125 years in business. The building has been vacant only since the end of the last liquidation sale in December.

Dave Wolos, broker and vice president of market research for NAI Plotkin, the seller's real estate broker, said yesterday that CHD will renovate the building into office space for its social services programs, which will be a "vibrant addition to the downtown Easthampton area."

Owner Carol A. Perman said she closed the business after deciding to retire and after being unable to sell it to a regional hardware store chain despite several overtures from interested buyers.

G.L. Manchester founded the business in 1895 selling pipe

fittings for heating. The store changed hands and locations over the decades. Electrical contractor George R. Stawarz, Perman's father, bought the hardware store and the Manchester Gift Shop in 1960. He died in 1989. Perman became the sole owner and proprietor in 2016.

Perman owned the real estate as a trustee of the Stawarz Realty Trust, according to deed documents on file with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

It's a 17,900-square-foot commercial building on just more than an acre of land that includes parking and what was once an outside sales area. It was built in 1900, according to city records.

CHD is a social services agency involved in housing, mental health and addiction recovery. All told it has more than 80 programs spread across Western Massachusetts and into Connecticut.

Jim Reardon, a commercial sales associate at NAI Plotkin, said the market for commercial properties is improving as the coronavirus pandemic ends.

"I think it's getting better every day," Reardon said. "A lot of people have been holding back a little bit."

LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS			MASS CASH	
Wednesday, June 16			June 16	Not available
	Mid Day	Evening	June 15	1-6-14-19-34
	5576	2855	June 14	13-16-24-26-30
Exact order			MEGABUCKS	
All 4	\$5,242	\$5,724	June 16	Not available
First or last 3	\$734	\$801	Doubler: NA	
Any 2	\$63	\$69	Estimated jackpot: \$2 million	
Any 1	\$6	\$7	June 12	7-17-25-39-40-48
Any order			Doubler: 1	
All 4	\$437	\$477	LUCKY FOR LIFE	
First 3	\$245	\$133	June 14	3-17-19-21-37
Last 3	\$122	\$267	Lucky Ball: 12	
Previous numbers drawn			June 10	6-8-10-24-43
Tuesday	4025	2275	Lucky Ball: 15	
Monday	5654	8694	POWERBALL	
Sunday	6823	6006	June 16	Not available
Saturday	6134	9702	Powerball: NA; Power Play: NA	
Friday	6235	5619	Estimated jackpot: \$40 million	
Thursday	5914	8430	June 12	8-25-34-38-41
MEGA MILLIONS			Powerball: 10; Power Play: 3	
June 15	18-22-27-38-52			
Megaball: 11; Megaplier: 4				
June 11	4-43-56-63-68			
Megaball: 13; Megaplier: 4				

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CORONAVIRUS

Vaccine effort slows as variant spreads

Outbreaks feared in states with lower vaccination rates

By MICHELLE R. SMITH  
Associated Press

As cases tumble and states reopen, the potential final stage in the U.S. campaign to vanquish COVID-19 is turning into a slog, with a worrisome variant gaining a bigger foothold and lotteries and other prizes failing to persuade some Americans to get vaccinated.

"The last half, the last mile, the last quarter-mile always requires more effort," Dr. Nirav Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said Wednesday.

While two of the states slammed hardest by the disaster, California and New York, celebrated their reopenings this week with fireworks and a multimillion-dollar drawing, hospitalizations in parts of Missouri are surging and cases are rising sharply in Texas, illustrating the challenges the country faces this summer.

One major concern is the highly contagious and potentially more severe delta variant of the coronavirus that originated in India.

While health officials say the vaccines are effective against it, the fear is that it will lead to outbreaks in states with

lower vaccination rates.

The delta variant has increased from 2.7% of all cases in May to 9.7% this month, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said during a call for governors on Monday, according to details provided by the Washington governor's office.

At the same time, states are convening focus groups to better understand who is declining to get vaccinated, why, and how to convince them that getting the shot is the right thing to do.

"It's a race between the vaccines going into people and the current or future variants," said Kansas Health Secretary Dr. Lee Norman.

Average deaths and cases per day have plummeted 90% or more across the U.S. since the winter. But the picture is uneven.

In Texas, the rolling average of newly confirmed infections has climbed from about 1,000 per day on May 31 to nearly 2,000 this week.

A swath of Missouri is seeing a big rise in cases and hospitalizations as tourists eager to get out after being cooped up for a year make their way to popular destinations like Branson and Lake of the Ozarks. Health officials said more than 200 people were hospitalized with the virus in southwestern Missouri, nearly double the

number at the start of May.

The number of patients in intensive care units in the region has tripled.

Health experts cite two factors driving the surge there: the faster-spreading delta variant and a reluctance among residents to get vaccinated.

The U.S. is expected to fall short of President Joe Biden's goal of dispensing at least one dose to 70% of American adults by July 4. The figure stands at about 65%.

Among the states that don't expect to hit the goal are Kansas and Idaho. In Idaho, some counties have adult vaccination rates under 30%, said Elke Shaw-Tulloch, public health administrator for the state Department of Health and Welfare.

To increase vaccinations, several states are working to break up large shipments of vaccine into smaller lots, which can then be distributed to doctors' offices. Health officials see primary care physicians as key to easing people's concerns.

"People want to hear it from their doctor, their medical providers, people that they know and trust," Norman said.

Big, splashy giveaways such as lotteries have gotten a lot of headlines and dispensed millions of dollars. In Maine, home of the outdoor wear company L.L. Bean, Bean gift cards were a big hit. But else-

where, there has been skepticism about such programs.

Shaw-Tulloch said some businesses in Idaho had offered financial incentives for employees to get vaccinated but didn't get many takers. Instead, she said, the key is making it easy to get a vaccine by turning it into part of a person's "daily flow."

Some people's attitude is that "if a vaccine were to fall out of the sky and hit me in the arm, I'll get it. But I'm not going to interrupt my busy daily life to make that effort and go in and get a vaccination," she said.

She added: "That's why we're really focusing on walk-in clinics, pop-up clinics where, wherever they turn, there's a place that's easily available for getting the vaccine."

Elsewhere around the world, there have been glimmers of hope, as India reopened the Taj Mahal amid a decline in new infections. In France, where virus cases are below 4,000 per day — down from 35,000 in the spring — authorities eased the requirements on wearing masks outdoors and said the nightly curfew will end this weekend.

The recorded U.S. death toll from COVID-19 hit 600,000 on Tuesday, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Worldwide, it stands at 3.8 million, though both numbers are thought to be a significant undercount.

BOSTON

Pandemic policy extensions signed into law

Bill extends cocktails-to-go, eviction protections

By KATIE LANNAN  
State House News Service

Gov. Charlie Baker yesterday morning signed into law a bill extending pandemic-inspired authorizations for remote public meetings, to-go cocktail sales, eviction protections and more, according to Senate President Karen Spilka.

"Thank you @MassGovernor for signing this bill into law this morning!" Spilka tweeted at 10:14 a.m., about 13 hours after the Legislature sent Baker a partial compromise temporarily reinstating some policies that lapsed with Tuesday's lift of the state of emergency and preventing others from expiring.

House and Senate lawmakers say they plan to keep negotiating on some of the COVID-19 policy measures.

The bill they passed Tuesday evening, which represents

areas of common ground between the two branches, would extend the eviction protections and permission for virtual public meetings through April 1, 2022, and keep special permits for expanded outdoor dining in place through that same date.

It also allows restaurants to sell beer, wine and cocktails to-go until May 1, and temporarily extends the authorization for representative town meetings, notary services and reverse-mortgage loan counseling to occur remotely.

"These temporary provisions have been helpful to businesses, municipalities, health care providers, residents and communities during this extraordinary time," Spilka, House Speaker Ronald Mariano and Ways and Means chairs Sen. Michael Rodrigues and Rep. Aaron Michlewitz said in a statement Tuesday night. Before the bill was passed Tuesday, Baker described the extensions as "a very-much-on-the-minds-of-everybody priority."

Baker

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linked to the state's early reliance on large-scale vaccine centers. There was only one locally, at least at first, at the Eastfield Mall. A regional vaccination clinic at The Big E in West Springfield closed yesterday.

Nationally, vaccine reluctance has been linked to education, with those lacking a college degree less likely to get the shot. There is also a class gap.

Baker on yesterday zeroed in on another differentiator, age.

Massachusetts determined who would get the shot first mostly by age, he said. And Hampden County is statistically younger than the rest of the state.

The median age in Hampden County is 39.1, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The statewide median is 39.7. Statewide, 15.3% of the population is in their 20s, the Census Bureau said. In Hampden County, 14% of the population is in their 20s.

Baker said it can be harder to convince younger people they need to be vaccinated. But he pointed to Massachusetts' overall vaccination rate, which is highest among states with more than five million residents.

"We see the difference in our infection rate, we see it in our hospitalizations. We see it in our deaths," Baker said.

Active COVID-19 cases fell to 2,251 yesterday continuing a downward trend from a high of 98,750 on Jan. 18. The state's death toll from the pandemic is 17,590, including four new deaths reported.

There were 115 COVID-19 patients in Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS CORONAVIRUS CASE TRACKER				
Deaths	Tested	Positives	US deaths	US positives
17,590	23,444,629	662,966	600,656	33,497,991
Last update: June 16, 2021   Sources: Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Johns Hopkins University				
Note: The Republican publishes the coronavirus tracker once a week on Thursdays.				



Brewmaster Mike Yates leads Gov. Charlie Baker on a tour of White Lion Brewing Company in Springfield's Tower Square yesterday. See more photos at [MassLive.com](https://MassLive.com). (HOANG "LEON" NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

hospitals as of Wednesday, compared to highs of 3,965 on April 21, 2020, and 2,428 on Jan. 4.

Of the \$30 million in grants and loans for small businesses:

- Loans: \$14.7 million will fund small business loans through 15 community financial institutions including Springfield nonprofit business lender CommonCapital, which received \$1.25 million.

- Small Business Technical Assistance Grants: \$4 million will be distributed among 45 nonprofits to continue aiding expansion of small businesses and entrepreneurs from traditionally underserved communities. Of that, \$40,000 is going to CommonCapital.

- New programs: A total of \$11.3 million will go to two new Massachusetts Growth Capital Corp. programs. BizM-Power, with \$7.5 million, will offer matching grants to

businesses that raise money through crowdfunding. The money can go to facility expansion, equipment purchase and capital needs. And the Digital Capabilities Program, with \$3.8 million, will provide for the needs of small businesses as they develop digital capabilities.

White Lion earlier received a Massachusetts Growth Capital Corp. grant enabling cans-to-go sales, as well as a \$20,000 loan through Springfield's Dining District Loan program and a \$5,000 local COVID-19 relief grant through MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative.

White Lion also was an early borrower in a small business loan program similar to the ones funded by yesterday's announcement.

"Our brewery where you stand today is because of those resources and those

support systems," founder Raymond Berry said. "No small businessperson can go at it alone. It takes a collective to move a business forward."

White Lion started brewing at its Tower Square facility in October, but the ribbon cutting is June 23. The tasting room opens to the public June 26.

Raymond Lanza-Weil, president of CommonCapital, said the state money is important because it's flexible. And it comes at a great time.

"Businesses coming out of the pandemic are coming to us looking for loans," he said. "They want to grow."

Baker recalled meeting with Mayor Domenic J. Sarno soon after winning election in 2014 and Sarno giving him a six-pack of White Lion beer as a goodwill gesture.

"I think I'm going to have a drink before I leave," Baker joked.

Sarno predicted a "roaring '20s" recovery from the pandemic and joked with Berry that he needn't run a Prohibition speakeasy.

Berry founded the brand in 2014 with just one employee — himself — and a contract to get his beer brewed elsewhere. Today he's got a dozen employees, with plans to grow to 20 in July, and all the beer is brewed in Tower Square.

Polito said White Lion was a perfect business to host yesterday's announcement.

"I think this is going to be a big summer," she said. "I think there is a lot of pent-up demand to go out and have fun."



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WASHINGTON

\$78B transportation bill clears house panel

Markey provisions press for rail upgrades, auto safety

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A host of provisions from Sen. Ed Markey on passenger and freight rail upgrades and automotive safety advanced as a bipartisan \$78 billion transportation bill cleared the U.S. Senate’s Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee yesterday.



ED MARKEY

Markey — who’s pressed for rail upgrades and expanded service to boost economic opportunities to underserved communities nationwide and throughout Central and Western Massachusetts — said in a statement to MassLive that the legislation includes a new program, aligned with his BRAIN TRAIN Act, to identify and develop intercity rail projects that create, enhance or restore service.

If the Surface Transportation Investment Act is approved by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden as part of any infrastructure package or bill, the U.S. Department of Transportation will establish a pipeline of potential rail projects along with a \$7.5 billion investment over the next five years, with particular focus on areas where train service would boost historically under-connected areas.

The bill provides \$78 billion over five years, including \$36 billion for rail infrastructure; \$28 billion for freight transportation; \$13 billion for safety initiatives; and \$1 billion for transportation-linked research and development. Markey’s team said that other Senate committees working on legislation to pay for roads, bridges and public transit may include additional funding in the final bill.

“Today’s legislation makes a significant down payment on the rail and safety investments we need in this country,” Markey said. “Through these programs, we can begin to solve long-unaddressed road safety challenges and promote more climate-positive transportation options. However, significant work remains to be done before this bill becomes law — we must not only improve what we’ve already secured, but also increase overall funding levels and add in the policies required to achieve a true transportation transformation. I look forward to continuing the fight to make sure this legislation — and a broader infrastructure package — match the scope and scale of the crises facing our nation.”

Since signing a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 pandemic relief bill in March, Biden has called for more than \$2 trillion in infrastructure improvements. Beyond investments in roads and bridges, the president seeks to modernize the economy and combat climate change, with billions earmarked for renewable energy jobs, electric vehicles, upgrades to the nation’s power grid and sewer systems, retrofitting buildings, hospitals and schools, expanding broadband, and training to boost manufacturing.

Biden eventually brought down his proposal by hundreds of billions of dollars, with Republicans claiming his package amounted to a “liberal wishlist.” GOP lawmakers offered a \$928 billion proposal, but Biden eventually called off talks with Republican leaders and has since started discussions with a group of moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats.

Markey and other progressives in Congress have called

on the Biden administration to maintain robust climate-focused provisions in any proposed infrastructure bill as the president negotiates with Republicans.

The Surface Transportation Investment Act, as approved by the committee, includes language from Markey’s Warren Cowles Grade Crossing Safety Act — providing \$500 million annually for “critical improvements to highway-rail crossings, such as eliminating grade crossings, adding protective gates and signals, relocating track, or installing bridges,” according to Markey’s office.

The bill also includes Markey’s PARTS Act, which strengthens automotive recalls by providing grants to boost notifications to car owners, requiring automakers to complete in-depth reporting and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to publish annual recall details.

Other Markey-led provisions in the committee-approved package include portions of his Modernizing Seat Back Safety Act, which calls on NHTSA to issue

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advanced notice of proposed rule-making on seat back safety standards; the Early Warning Reporting System Improvement Act, which bolsters automakers’ reporting compliance requirements on manufacturing defects and serious or fatal incidents; and an updated version of the Stay Aware for Everyone (SAFE) Act, which calls on DOT to research driver-monitoring systems and prevention of distraction, disengagement and potential misuse of advanced driver-assist systems.

Markey also requested language ensuring that the public and stakeholders will be informed — and get an opportunity to weigh in — prior to any waiver or suspension of critical track safety standards by the Federal Railroad Administration.

The Association of American Railroads, a trade group representing major North American freight railroads, lauded the bill this week. The group noted that on top of providing tens of billions of dollars for infrastructure nationwide, the bill calls for funding to address Northeast Corridor maintenance backlogs and to bolster the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program.

“Railroads applaud the committee for its leadership and bipartisan commitment to strengthening our nation’s infrastructure,” AAR President and CEO Ian Jefferies said in a statement Wednesday. “By staying focused on vital funding needs and safety, the committee was able to build consensus on a package that makes a solid down payment on our future surface transportation needs.”



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SPRINGFIELD

Councilors mull stopping illegal dirt bikes at the pumps

Panel seeks more input from gas station owners

By Peter Goonan  
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City councilors said this week they want to hear from gas station owners before voting on a new ordinance that would prohibit the sale of gasoline to riders of dirt bikes and other illegal recreational vehicles in Springfield.

The council’s Public Safety Committee has scheduled a meeting on Monday at 3 p.m., by remote, to hear about any concerns or suggestions. The full council will consider final passage of the ordinance at a special council meeting that day at 4 p.m.

Councilor Orlando Ramos, the lead sponsor, said the ordinance is one additional tool to crack down on dirt bikes and similar vehicles.

“It’s a public safety issue,” Ramos said. “These dirt bikes are not only a nuisance but also dangerous. Many people have been hurt in incidents involving illegal dirt bikers and even deaths. We must do what we can.”

Under the ordinance, signs would be posted at the gas pumps in English and Spanish, stating that “fueling of all-terrain vehicles, mini cycles, dirt bikes or other unauthorized vehicles prohibited.” The sale of gasoline is allowed if those vehicles are loaded on a trailer, and gasoline can also be pumped into authorized sealed containers.

The ordinance is “not a cure-all but it will help,” said Ramos, who is chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Since introducing the ordinance in April, Ramos said there have been two committee meetings for discussion of the ordinance, and some gas station owners were invited to attend, but did not, Ramos said.

Ramos is urging the council to give final approval of the ordinance on Monday given the increase in illegal dirt biking during the summer months.



The Springfield City Council is considering ordinance to ban the sale of gasoline to illegal dirt bikes. Dirt bikes have been involved in dangerous incidents, including a 2018 fatal accident at Franklin and Webster streets. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

The station may be issued a warning by a Fire Department official, and thereafter would be subject to a \$100 fine for any infractions, Ramos said. Any fine would be assessed to the station owner, not the employees, he said.

Several councilors said this week they want to give gas stations an additional chance

to comment. Monday’s meeting is scheduled to provide the opportunity, being conducted by remote due to the coronavirus.

Ramos said he does not believe the ordinance poses any hardship for the gas stations and believes many agree the dirt bike activity is a nuisance and safety issue.

There are some communi-

ties in Connecticut that have a similar ordinance including New Haven, Ramos said. The New Haven ordinance was used in helping to craft the Springfield ordinance, he said.

Springfield police have confiscated approximately 30 dirt bikes and other illegal vehicles in the city this year, Ramos said.

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SPRINGFIELD

Porch fire damages home

City firefighters extinguished a porch fire on Beech Street in the city’s Six Corners neighborhood before it could spread to the interior of the three-story apartment building.

No one was injured or displaced in the fire at 45-47 Beech St., said Fire Department spokesman Capt. Drew Piemonte.

The fire originated with some trash on the porch, he said. The city Arson and Bomb Squad is investigating how it started, he said.

The porch was heavily damaged, as was the vinyl siding.

EASTHAMPTON

Algae blooms found in river

The city Health Department is advising people to avoid contact with the water in Rubber Thread Pond after some potentially harmful cyanobacteria algae blooms were found in the water.

Photographs of the blooms were sent to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Toxicology Program, which determined the amount of cyanobacteria cells may exceed health guidelines.

Warning signs will be posted at all access points to the water until the advisory is lifted.

Exposure to the skin and eyes can cause irritation, while swallowing it can cause gastrointestinal problems or even liver or neurological damage. Children and pets are especially susceptible. People or pets who are exposed should wash with clean water and then seek treatment.

Last summer, algae blooms caused the town to close recreational activity at Nashawanuck and Lower Mill ponds.

The algae blooms can form in warm temperatures, lots of direct sunlight, and slow-moving or stagnant water. Other factors include excess nutrients in the water from fertilizer runoff or human or animal waste.

SPRINGFIELD

Drug trafficking indictments

The state Attorney General’s Office on Tuesday announced seven people have been indicted for their roles in a major heroin trafficking operation that was operating in Western Massachusetts.

The charges are the result of a lengthy joint operation between state, federal and local police that including authorized wire taps. It led to the seizure of more than 4 kilograms of cocaine, fentanyl and heroin, several illegal firearms, and \$200,000 in cash. Officials also seized three cars, six motorcycles and four ATVs.

The investigation involved multiple agencies including the attorney general’s Enterprise, Major and Cybercrime Division, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, state police, Western Mass. Gang Task Force, the Hampden, Berkshire and Franklin county sheriffs, and police in Springfield, Holyoke, West Springfield, Chicopee and Easthampton.

Indicted by a statewide grand jury this week were Josue Figueroa, 28, of Springfield, Angel Guzman, 23, of Holyoke, Abdul Mendoza, 23, of Holyoke, Mark Marciano, 20, of Springfield, Anthony Perez, 28, of Holyoke, Devante Wardell, 24, of Holyoke, and Richard Hurd, 29, of Quechee, Vermont. Figueroa, Guzman, Mendoza, and Marciano were indicted on multiple charges of trafficking heroin and cocaine, and unlawful possession of firearms. Perez is indicted with a single count of trafficking heroin, possession and distribution of cocaine, and firearm violations. Wardell and Hurd each face charges related to trafficking and conspiracy to violation the controlled substances act.

Each is due to be arraigned on the charges in superior court at a later date.

BOSTON

Poll: 61% support legal sports betting

**By COLIN A. YOUNG**  
State House News Service

Most Massachusetts voters have already made up their minds about legalizing sports betting and 61% of the state strongly or somewhat supports the idea, a poll commissioned by Plainridge Park Casino and Encore Boston Harbor found.

The slots parlor and casino, both of which have said they would like to get into the sports wagering world if Massachusetts makes it legal, said the poll of 500 registered

Massachusetts voters revealed 32% of respondents strongly support sports betting and another 29% somewhat support it. Ten percent of respondents said they somewhat oppose sports betting legalization and 14% said they strongly oppose it. Undecided respondents made up 15% of responses.

“Massachusetts voters robustly support legalizing sports betting. This survey’s results show that sentiment is broad across all of the Commonwealth’s regions and demographic constituencies,”

**Ten percent of respondents said they somewhat oppose sports betting legalization and 14% said they strongly oppose it.**

pollster David Paleologos, whose firm David A. Paleologos Associates conducted the poll earlier this month, said.

The most common reasons given for supporting sports betting, officials behind the poll said, were anticipated economic benefits, legal sports betting in neighboring states siphoning revenue from Massachusetts and personal

rights.

Officials from Plainridge and Encore said support for sports betting increases to 72% if the revenue it generates is earmarked specifically to help fund K-12 education. Paleologos said that education priorities “are increasingly seen by voters as the most important public funding priority for new sources of

revenue emerging from the pandemic.”

For some people, Massachusetts is well behind the pack and cannot legalize sports wagering soon enough while others say lawmakers should pump the brakes and learn from research conducted in mature gambling markets before a further expansion of gaming in the Bay State.

The House passed a sports betting legalization amendment last summer, but the Senate has not yet truly engaged on the topic.



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Nonprofit

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executive director of the New North Citizens Council. The nonprofit agency was one of three in Massachusetts to receive funding. The others are Just-A-Start Corp. in Cambridge and North Shore Community Development Coalition Inc. in Salem. The funding comes from the U.S. Department of Labor and is part of \$89 million in grants in 31 states and Puerto Rico to help youth ages 16-24.

In Springfield, New North has partnered with Baystate Health, Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College to provide training for medical assistants, certified nursing assistants and other jobs in high demand. “The grant is for 40 months, which essentially gives us four months of preparation time and three years to implement the program and get results. Our requirement is to get at least 84 students to not only obtain their HiSET (high school equivalency test) but to be moving onto college or a career in construction or the health care field,” Ligus said. New North has leased a building on Birnie Avenue to house not only the YouthBuild program but all of its other youth services. The first floor is dedicated to the construction shop, classrooms and lockers. The second floor houses administrative offices, and in the fall the back end will serve as a drop-in center where there will be pool



The New North Citizens Council is now leasing this building at 4 Birnie Ave. in Springfield. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

“This is one we really were hoping to get because we work with these young people every day and this gives us the means to help them make major changes in their lives and futures.”

Maria Ligus, executive director of the New North Citizens Council

tables and after-school activities for 11- to 18-year-olds, said Joesiah Gonzalez, director of youth services for the New North Citizens Council. He said the YouthBuild program is an opportunity to reach young people who may have given up on their education or a chance to have a career due to family obligations, poverty, gang violence and other factors.

“We already provide case management, mentorship, gang and violence intervention for at-risk young people, but now, with this grant, we have a direct plug to help them develop educationally but also professionally so they can move onto a career,” he said. “We want young folks to leave YouthBuild and work with a major contracting company and/or be able to do their own work and earn an honest wage.” Administered by the Employment and Training Administration, YouthBuild grants support a pre-apprenticeship model to help young people learn occupational skills. They will split their time between workplace training and the classroom. Suzi LeVine, principal assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, said the initiative is for agencies and organizations within the community that have direct access to youth in need. “YouthBuild meets young people where they live, and

wherever they are on their path to educational attainment and career success,” she said. “Even as these grants are awarded, the Employment and Training Administration is working on the next YouthBuild funding opportunity, always with an eye to equity and inclusion in terms of the communities involved,

and the individual participants served.” Gonzalez said what makes the program especially significant is the hands-on approach. Students who choose the construction pathway will be tasked with building a brand new house. “They are being trained in

the basics of masonry, they learn carpentry, plumbing and they will be using those skills to build a new home from the foundation up,” he said. “This can be very difficult work, but it is also rewarding.” The agency will work with North End Housing Initiative to identify a site.

Health

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School-based behavioral health services range from support offered by counselors to more comprehensive integrated programs aimed at prevention and treatment, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Courtney Chelo, a children’s mental health advocate, said children and youth are three times more likely to access those services if they are provided at school. “However, many schools do not have the resources and capacity to address the behavioral health needs of all students, and are often under-equipped to support the needs of Black and brown students whose behaviors are subject to punitive measures like suspension and expulsion at 2.2 times the rate of their white peers,” said Chelo, who works at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The bill requires the advisory group to form a biannual plan that addresses state financing of school-based behavioral health programs, professional development, and technical assistance, among other things. Alice Cohen, a youth services planner for Cambridge Public Schools, said school officials are seeing an “alarming increase” in young people reporting anxiety, depression, and selfharm. “The need that we have at the moment exceeds our capacity, and our services favor the privileged,” Cohen said. “What that means is that young people are forced to repeatedly fail, in order to be seen. We exclude these children with punitive and restrictive measures just at the moments when they need us the most.” The legislation also creates a technical assistance center that provides web-based, in-person, and remote support to administration, teachers, and school-behavioral health staff. UMass Boston School Psychology Professor Melissa Pearrow said 75 percent of youth who seek out behavioral health supports find them at schools. “That is one of the reasons why we’re helping advocate around this Thrive Act because we see the need for a statewide technical assistance center,” Pearrow said. As Pearrow and other col-

leagues broached the idea of a technical assistance center, they surveyed more than 500 school behavioral health providers, conducted seven focus groups, talked to 20 state agency staff, and other states that provide technical assistance. “And what we’ve learned is that some areas have a greater need than others. Western Mass. and the Cape, they’re asking for this at higher rates,” she said. “They’re asking for help with professional development structures. They’re asking for help with technical assistance and elevating parent voice.” The legislation also requires all public schools to mandate physical and mental health education for students in all grades. The mental health education programs “shall recognize multiple dimensions of health by including mental health, and the relationship of physical health and mental health, so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity,” the bill says. Angela Wallace, a former Sharon Public Schools student, said as a Black woman who was educated in a predominantly white school, she felt isolated and pressured to prove “my worth and intelligence in a society that doubts my ability to succeed.” “I found myself engaging in activities that led to persistent sadness and suicidal thoughts as a means of proving myself to others,” Wallace said. “Society tells me to assume the role of the strong Black woman, a damaging image that requires me to suppress my feelings, thereby sacrificing my mental and physical well being in order to please others.” Fortunately, Wallace said, her mother encouraged her to seek therapy outside of school. Numerous friends, she said, have shared their struggle with mental health and said they refused to seek help or discuss their mental state in high school for fear of negative perceptions. “While sex education has been at the forefront of my health education for many years, there is also a dire need to incorporate a mental health curriculum that will serve to promote well being and enhance student understanding of mental health topics,” said Wallace, who

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RELIGION

Communion policy causes rift at Catholic bishops conference

Prelates vote to limit debate

By DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press

Divisions flared quickly yesterday as U.S. Catholic bishops opened a national meeting highlighted by a sensitive agenda item — whether to take initial steps toward a possible rebuke of politicians, including President Joe Biden, who receive Communion while supporting abortion rights.

Some said the issue was so important and contentious that all the more than 260 participating bishops should have an opportunity to address it during the three-day meeting that’s being held virtually.

Others derided that proposal as a delaying tactic by those who are skeptical of the initiative. They said bishops would have ample time to comment at a later meeting when the full draft of a new statement on Communion would be presented for consideration.

After an extended exchange, 59% of the bishops voted against a motion by St. Louis Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski to allow more speaking opportunities at this week’s meeting. Rozanski was formerly bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

At stake is a proposal that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ doctrine committee draft a statement on the meaning of Communion in the life of the church that would be submitted for a vote at a future meeting, probably an in-person gathering in November.

Some conservative bishops say such a statement should signal to Catholic politicians that support of abortion rights should disqualify them from receiving Communion.

Yet there are scores of bishops who oppose any swift or aggressive action on the issue; some cite a letter from the Vatican urging the USCCB to take a cautious, collegial approach. Nearly 70 bishops last month signed a letter to USCCB president and Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez urging him to delay the discussion until the bishops convene in person, but that request was not granted.

Gomez, in his opening address yesterday, did not mention the Communion debate but stressed the importance of unity in a time of heightened political and social divisions.

“It’s not realistic to expect the church to stay immune from the pressures of division,” he said. “And we are living in a secular society where politics is becoming the substitute religion for a lot of people. So we need to guard against the temptation to think about the church in simply political terms.”

“Only a church that is united can heal the brokenness and challenge the injustices that we see more clearly now in the wake of this pandemic,” he added.

Gomez noted that Pope Francis also has emphasized unity within the church — a point driven home in an address to the bishops by the Vatican’s ambassador to the United States, Papal Nuncio Christophe Pierre.

“Pope Francis is convinced that dialogue is the best way to realize what always ought to be affirmed and respected,” Pierre said. “Our commitment to this type of dialogue, one which produces unity of faith and action, and not merely talking about things endlessly, will strengthen the church’s credibility.”

Some bishops have expressed concern that the debate is being used as a political weapon to embarrass Catholic Democrats — such as Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — who hold high office and support abortion rights.

One of yesterday’s partici-



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops president and Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles confers with staff to alert the next speaker during their virtual assembly yesterday.

(UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS VIA AP)

pants, retired Bishop Michael Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas, openly assailed Biden for recent moves to expand and protect abortion access. Pfeifer’s request to add this specific topic to the agenda was rebuffed, but Gomez said that some of the contentious aspects of the president’s policies would be raised later in the meeting by Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, head of the US-CCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Biden is the country’s second Catholic president and the first to hold that office while espousing clear-cut support for abortion rights.

Naumann has said such a stance by a public figure is “a grave moral evil,” and he has advocated for a public rebuke of the president.

Among other subtopics, a Communion document would likely address the issue of who among Catholic public figures is worthy of receiving the sacrament. However, Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the doctrine committee, said it would not mandate a national policy and instead leave decisions about specific churchgoers up to individual bishops and archbishops.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, has made clear that Biden is welcome to receive Communion at churches in the archdiocese.

AGAWAM

Mayoral candidate claims ex-town clerk assaulted him

Financial consultant poised to file criminal charges

By STEPHANIE BARRY  
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Mayoral candidate Charles Alvanos has accused retired Town Clerk Richard Theroux of assault after the two clashed in a liquor store parking lot.

Alvanos claims Theroux grabbed his hands and elbowed him in the chest on June 2 when the men encountered each other at a Feeding Hills liquor store. Theroux flatly denies this, and a police report says a bystander told officers no assault occurred.

Alvanos, a financial consultant, stuck by his version of the story during a press conference outside Westfield District Court yesterday afternoon. Alvanos’ attorney, Louis Robin, attended part of the press conference but did not speak.

Alvanos said he plans to apply for a criminal complaint and seek a “restraining order” against Theroux.

“He came running out of the package store when I pulled up, screaming ‘deleted expletives’ ... the ‘MF’ words. He grabbed my hands and then elbowed me in the chest,” Alvanos said. “I didn’t touch him because I had a wedding. I felt like bopping him a few times. I’m a Marine. I won the push-up contest in the Marine Corps.”

Theroux said he pulled into the parking lot of Phipps Discount Liquors to run in for a bottle of wine for his wife. When he got out of his car, he said, Alvanos began screaming that he parked too close to his banana yellow convertible Thunderbird.

“He started to scream at me. I replied, ‘Charlie are you serious? I’m not even that close to your car, it’s fine,’” said Theroux, Agawam’s town clerk for 32 years until he retired in 2016. “He then informed me that he was running for mayor, and that he was going to get rid of a lot of people at Town Hall, including me. I laughed and



Charles Alvanos, a candidate for mayor of Agawam, says former Town Clerk Richard Theroux assaulted him on June 2, which Theroux denies.

told him I had been gone for a number of years.”

It appeared the primary thorn in Alvanos’ side dates back to a union contract dispute that is 40 years old. Alvanos was a teacher at Forest Park Junior High School in 1980. Theroux was a long-term substitute. On this, both men agree. Full-time teachers went on strike that year, and Theroux — not a union member — crossed the picket line.

“I should have outed him back then,” said Alvanos, 73.

Theroux, 68, said Alvanos began screaming at him inside his car, then began to exit his car. It was then that Theroux decided to go into the package store and call the police.

“When he got out of the car, I felt this had gone far enough. There was absolutely no physical contact,” Theroux said.

According to a police report, two officers arrived and tried to sort out the dispute by talking to Alvanos, who kept screaming at Theroux across the parking lot.

“I attempted to speak with Alvanos who continued to yell over me. As he wouldn’t stop

yelling at Theroux instead of speaking with me I spoke with Theroux,” the report reads. “He stated he knows Alvanos as they both taught in Springfield 38 years ago.”

A witness said no assault had occurred. Employees at the package store said Alvanos had “harassed” customers at the store previously, the report says.

“Phipps management stated they will discuss trespassing Alvanos from the property as this is not the first time he has harassed customers,” the report continues.

A manager at the liquor store declined comment.

Alvanos on Tuesday argued the police refused to take a report, although two reporters at the press conference had copies of the document. He also disputes the facts laid out in the police report.

“They did not do their job. One of them said: ‘If you become mayor, I’ll quit,’” Alvanos said.

He added that he had been trespassed from the municipal golf course in Agawam after complaining that a

groundskeeper “gunned” an industrial lawnmower at him and his granddaughter.

Mayor William P. Sapelli, who is running for reelection, also confirmed Alvanos hostilely confronted him at a bakery in late May. Sapelli said he was having coffee and pastry at Giovanni’s when Alvanos spotted him and began screaming at him about not responding to letters he has written to the mayor’s office and about a cellphone tower proposed for the golf course, which Alvanos’ home borders.

“I think he had business there. I don’t think he came there to confront me, but when he spotted me he confronted me,” Sapelli said.

The mayor said staff and other customers created a buffer between the two.

“They wouldn’t let him get within 10 feet of me,” Sapelli said.

Alvanos said he is running for mayor, in part, to “return dignity” to the town and the county.

He repeatedly highlighted a mini-scandal surrounding the Hampden County Regional Board of Retirement, of which Theroux is chairman. The board, which handles pension and retirement funds for public employees in 18 municipalities, came under fire after a scathing audit highlighted financial missteps.

Theroux laments even running into Alvanos at the package store, and what he perceives as a lack of civility in today’s culture.

“There’s no more ‘agree to disagree.’ And frankly, there are people who are just plain crazy and you have to live with them, even when you go get a bottle of wine for dinner,” he said.

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SPRINGFIELD

Families in need receive food, school supplies

Volunteers help distribute \$200,000 worth of items

By Peter Goonan  
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Price Rite Marketplace and Feed the Children, assisted by community volunteers, joined forces yesterday to provide food, school supplies and other essentials to families in need.

Price Rite and Feed the Children were expecting to provide approximately \$200,000 worth of food and essentials to about 400 families totaling about 1,600 individuals. The families were pre-identified by Revival Time Evangelical Center.

For area residents waiting for the food and supplies in the parking lot at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in the North End, the feeling was gratitude.

“I’m very, very thankful,” said Donna Mattos of Springfield, the mother of three girls and grandmother of two. “People are struggling these days. Times are hard and people need all the help they can get at this time.”

“I think it’s a great program,” said Alicia Mendoza of Chicopee, who has a daughter and husband. “It’s my first time. It helps to take the burden off families. It allows them to utilize what they have for other necessities such as bills.”

Local officials gathered in the lot just prior to the distribution at St. George to thank the organizers and volunteers for the “feeding minds and bodies” effort.

The distribution included families receiving: a 25-pound box off food; a 15-pound box of essentials including shampoo, conditioner, lotion and other personal care items;



Vehicles are loaded with goodies during the Feed the Children and Price Rite food distribution event yesterday behind St. George Orthodox Church in Springfield. At left, volunteers load vehicles during the event. For more photos, visit MassLive.com. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)



Volunteers organize supplies for the Feed the Children and Price Rite food distribution event yesterday. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

“Not everyone can afford a lot, especially with the pandemic,” Carter said.

Dean Baiardi of Springfield said he, his wife and three children are grateful, noting that he went from working about 80 hours a week to “15 if I was lucky” during the pandemic.

“In these economic times, paying a mortgage is a crisis every month,” Baiardi said. “A penny saved is a penny earned. I’m very appreciative.”

ships for Feed the Children; Kathy Freedman, senior human resource manager for Price Rite; State Sen. Adam Gomez; State Reps. Carlos Gonzalez and Orlando Ramos; Assistant Schools Superintendent Lydia Martinez; and St. George Cathedral officials.

The Feed the Children organization conducts distributions across the country and Price Rite Marketplace also provides programs in multiple states.

Tahndrea Carter of Springfield, among those waiting in the parking lot, said it was nice to get some assistance during tough times. The distribution was expected to last about two hours.

HOLYOKE

No Girl Scout cookie surplus in WMass

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts report their phones are ringing off the hook after reports this week of a nationwide cookie surplus. But there are no extra cookies here.

The Associated Press reported some 15 million boxes of Girl Scout cookies went unsold this year because the coronavirus pandemic hampered the organization’s usual sales efforts.

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts said it met this spring’s cookie sales goals. It also donated more than 20,000 boxes of cookies to Barnes Air National Guard Base, the USO Pioneer Valley and first responders and food banks around the region this year.

“Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts wishes to thank all those who have called and sent emails offering to help with a Girl Scout cookie surplus,” the organization said in a news release.

The organization said those wishing to support the cookie program and donate cookies to first responders and other worthy causes can visit [digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/girlscouts2021](https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/girlscouts2021).

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GENEVA

# Biden, Putin air differences at historic summit

Leaders agree on little at high-stakes meeting

By ANNE GEARAN, ASHLEY ARKER and JOHN HUDSON  
The Washington Post

President Joe Biden said he pressed Russian President Vladimir Putin over alleged hacking, human rights abuses and other irritants in a historic first summit in Geneva yesterday, a session shadowed by the unprecedented deference to the canny Russian leader that President Donald Trump had displayed for four years.

The meetings, spanning only a few hours in the Swiss lakeside city known as the “city of peace” were too short to allow for much more than an accounting of both sides’ complaints. Biden and Putin declared the event a success, mostly for having met at all at a time when relations between the world’s two greatest nuclear powers are at a post-Cold War low.

“I did what I came to do,” Biden told reporters after the sessions, as he sought to claim the moral high ground and

further an argument about the superiority of democratic values that he has made throughout his first foreign trip as president.

“I also told him that no president of the United States could keep faith with the American people if they did not speak out to defend our democratic values, to stand up for the universal and fundamental freedoms that all men and women have, in our view,” Biden said.

The summit was designed to stand in contrast to Trump’s interactions with Putin on nearly every level. Biden was accompanied by top aides for each session; Trump had excluded aides from at least one session with Putin and confiscated an interpreter’s notes.

Separate, sequential news conferences - with Putin speaking first - were also intended to dispel the image of Trump standing alongside Putin at a similar summit in Helsinki in 2018. There, Trump declined to confront Putin over interference in U.S. elections and took the Russian leader’s word over the findings of his own intelligence agencies.

At one point, Biden briefly referred to the Russian leader



President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin arrive at the Villa la Grange yesterday in Geneva, Switzerland. (PATRICK SEMANSKY / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

as President Trump, before correcting himself.

Biden said he raised with Putin the case of Russian dissident Alexei Navalny, as well as two “wrongly imprisoned” Americans held in Russia.

“The bottom line is I told President Putin that we need to have some basic rules of the road that we can all abide by,” Biden told reporters after his first face-to-face meeting as president with Putin, which Biden said had a “positive” tone.

Biden spoke after Putin had

framed the three hours of face-to-face talks as a victory for Russia on the world stage and said he can work with Biden in the future.

“On the whole we spoke the same language,” Putin said. “And that doesn’t mean we have to look into each other’s eyes.”

Putin called the talks productive. At his own post-summit news conference, he said he and Biden agreed to return their ambassadors to their respective posts in Washington and Moscow.

Russian Ambassador Anatoly Antonov and U.S. ambassador John Sullivan have been away from their mission for months, imperiling diplomacy at time of heightened diplomatic tensions. Sullivan is expected to return to Moscow next week, said a senior U.S. official. Antonov is presumed to return around the same time.

“If you ask me what sort of a partner . . . Biden is, I’d say he’s is very constructive,” Putin said at his own post-summit news conference, which at roughly one hour lasted about twice as long as Biden’s.

“He’s very balanced - just the way that I expected,” Putin said. “He’s very experienced. You can tell that at first glance.”

Putin added that the two men did not exchange invitations for either to visit in Moscow or Washington.

“President Biden did not invite me as his guest,” he said. “I didn’t invite him either. I think for visits like that, for meetings like that, you need to have the proper conditions. You need to be ready.”

Putin dismissed questions about Russia’s treatment of Navalny and instead referenced

discord in the United States, specifically the Black Lives Matter movement and the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

“America just recently had very severe events after well-known events, after a killing of an African American, and an entire movement developed known as Black Lives Matter,” Putin said. “What we saw was disorder, destruction, violations of the law, etcetera. We feel sympathy for the United States of America, but we don’t want that to happen on our territory, and we’re doing our utmost in order to not allow it to happen.”

Biden made a show of laughing at those comments when asked about them, calling them “a ridiculous comparison.”

Biden came to the summit fortified by nearly a week of chummy diplomacy with U.S. allies in Europe, a signal to Putin that the transatlantic rifts created by Trump and exploited by Putin are firmly in the past. He also arrived with more than four decades of foreign policy experience and previous experience negotiating with Putin, whom earlier in the week he called “bright,” “tough,” and “a worthy adversary.”



Participants including Jayda Harris, 8, of Chicago, march to Daley Plaza on June 19, 2020, in the One Million Man March, part of the Juneteenth commemoration in the city. (JOSE M. OSORIO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE / TNS)

WASHINGTON

## Congress OKs bill to make Juneteenth a federal holiday

Sen. Edward Markey sponsored the bill

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

The United States will soon have a new federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the nation.

The House voted 415-14 yesterday to make Juneteenth, or June 19th, the 12th federal holiday. The bill now goes to President Joe Biden’s desk to be signed into law.

Juneteenth commemorates when the last enslaved African Americans learned they were free. Confederate soldiers surrendered in April 1865, but word didn’t reach the last enslaved Black people until June 19, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to Galveston, Texas. That was also about two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in the Southern states.

It’s the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created in 1983.

“Our federal holidays are purposely few in number and recognize the most important milestones,” said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY. “I cannot think of a more important milestone to commemorate than the end of slavery in the United States.”

Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Tex-

as, speaking next to a large poster of a Black man whose back bore massive scarring from being whipped, said she would be in Galveston this Saturday to celebrate along with Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

“Can you imagine?” said the rather short Jackson Lee. “I will be standing maybe taller than Senator Cornyn, forgive me for that, because it will be such an elevation of joy.”

The Senate passed the bill a day earlier under a unanimous consent agreement that expedites the process for considering legislation. It takes just one senator’s objection to block such agreements.

“Please, let us do as the Senate. Vote unanimously for passage,” Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., pleaded at one point with his colleagues.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and had 60 co-sponsors. Democratic leaders moved quickly to bring the bill to the House floor.

Some Republican lawmakers opposed the effort. Rep. Matt Rosendale, R-Mont., said creating the federal holiday was an effort to celebrate “identity politics.”

“Since I believe in treating everyone equally, regardless of race, and that we should be focused on what unites us rather than our differences, I

will vote no,” he said in a press release.

The vast majority of states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday or have an official observance of the day, and most states hold celebrations. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia and Washington.

Under the legislation, the federal holiday would be known as Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Rep. Clay Higgins, R-La., said he would vote for the bill and he supported the establishment of a federal holiday, but he was upset that the name of the holiday included the word independence rather than emancipation. “Why would the Democrats want to politicize this by coopting the name of our sacred holiday of Independence Day?” Higgins said.

“I want to say to my white colleagues on the other side, getting your independence from being enslaved in a country is different from a country getting independence to rule themselves,” Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Mich., replied, adding, “We have a responsibility to teach every generation of Black and white Americans the pride of a people who have survived, endured and succeeded in these United States of America despite slavery.”

WASHINGTON

## Loan relief granted to defrauded college students

By COLLIN BINKLEY  
Associated Press

The U.S. Education Department said yesterday it’s erasing student debt for thousands of borrowers who attended a for-profit college chain that made exaggerated claims about its graduates’ success in finding jobs.

The Biden administration said it is approving 18,000 loan forgiveness claims from former students of ITT Technical Institute, a chain that closed in 2016 after being dealt a series of sanctions by the Obama administration. The new loan discharges will clear more than \$500 million in debt.

The move marks a step forward in the Biden administration’s effort to clear a backlog of claims in the borrower defense program, which provides loan forgiveness to students who were defrauded by their colleges. Claims piled up during the Trump

administration, which stalled the program and only started processing claims after a federal court demanded it. There are now more than 100,000 pending claims.

In announcing the new action, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona vowed to continue standing up for students who are deceived by their schools.

“Our action today will give thousands of borrowers a fresh start and the relief they deserve,” Cardona said in a statement. “Many of these borrowers have waited a long time for relief, and we need to work swiftly to render decisions for those whose claims are still pending.”

It follows another round of loan discharges in March, when the Education Department cleared \$1 billion in federal student debt for 72,000 borrowers. Those claims all came from former students of for-profit colleges.

Borrower advocates applauded the new approvals but called for swift relief for the thousands of other students whose claims are still pending, including many who attended ITT Tech.

“It appears the Biden administration genuinely wants to help people who are owed discharges,” said Alex Elson, vice president of Student Defense, a Washington legal group. “But that makes it all the more confounding that they are so hesitant to use their authority to immediately and automatically help the countless additional borrowers who are still waiting.”

Borrower defense is among several education programs targeted for an overhaul by the Biden administration as it works to reverse Trump-era policies. Cardona is hosting a series of hearings this month as his agency considers changes to that policy and others.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

## Southern Baptists vote to probe leaders’ sex abuse response

By TRAVIS LOLLER and PETER SMITH  
Associated Press

Delegates at the Southern Baptist Convention’s annual meeting voted overwhelmingly yesterday to create a task force to oversee an independent investigation into the denomination’s handling of sexual abuse.

Separately, the convention approved its most absolutist statement yet in opposition to abortion, a resolution calling for its immediate banning without exception and calling it a “crime against humanity that must be punished equally under the law.”

The measure calls for the newly elected SBC president, Alabama pastor Ed Litton, to appoint the task force, which will head up a review of allegations that the denomination’s Executive Committee mishandled abuse cases, intimidated victims and advocates, and resisted reforms.

It also would investigate the work of a credentials committee that was created in 2019 with a mandate to identify congregations that fail to respond to sex abuse cases.

It was a sharp turn of events for the SBC’s largest gathering in decades.

The SBC’s business committee had planned to refer the proposal to its Executive Committee — the same entity alleged to have failed in its response to abuse cases — but church representatives voted in the morning to put the matter before the convention floor and then approved it against minimal opposition.

The task force was proposed by Tennessee pastor Grant Gaines following leaked letters and secret recordings purporting to show some leaders tried to slow-walk accountability efforts and intimidate and retaliate against those who advocated on the issue.

Executive Committee president Ronnie Floyd has defended the body’s response, but last week he announced that the panel had retained an outside consulting firm, Guidepost Solutions, to investigate the claims. Yesterday he told the convention that he accepts the proposal for a more independent probe.

“I hear you,” Floyd told the gathering, drawing out his

words. “This will make our convention stronger, and that is what I want.”

During a brief floor debate, Georgia pastor Troy Bush said the committee failed to investigate adequately a case involving a minister accused of abuse in multiple churches including his own.

“We believe the Executive Committee does not have the ability to handle this task force and investigation alone,” Bush said.

Before the vote, critics said it would be a conflict of interest for the Executive Committee to oversee a probe of itself.

Abuse survivors “brought their cases to (SBC authorities) only to feel that they were brushed off, disregarded and turned away,” Gaines said. “These are not the kind of allegations we can sweep under the rug.”

Rachael Denhollander of Louisville, Kentucky, a prominent advocate for survivors of abuse in the SBC, applauded the move toward a more independent probe: “No one should ever fear the truth and wise counsel,” she tweeted. “The truth is never in opposition to sound theology.”



# Death Notices

## Services and calling hours

**BARDEN, Marguerite R.**  
Celebration of Life for Marguerite will be at 12noon at Nathan Bill's Restaurant and Bar in the Thomas J. Sullivan Banquet room 110 Island Pond Rd Spfld MA

**BASTIAANS, Rudolf "Rudy" Martinus**  
Visit Thurs June 17 12-1pm in Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, 220 N. Main St., East Longmeadow. Service to follow at 1pm.

**BLISS, Frederick P.**  
Visit Thurs June 17 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm in Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, 985 Main St., Agawam. Services Fri June 18 at 9am in the funeral home, burial Mass Vets.

**BOLDEN, Alice D.**  
Calling hour is 10-11am on 6/18 at Harrell Funeral Home, followed by funeral services at 11.

**BOULETTE, John Wayne**  
Come and share your memories of John from 12Noon-2:00PM, Sat (6/19/2021) at Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, Southwick, MA

**BRADWAY, John D.**  
A graveside service Friday, June 18, 2021, 11am, Hillcrest Cemetery on Wilbraham Rd., Monson. A gathering will follow the service at the Bradway's Home, East Hill Road in Monson.

**CARRIVEAU, Robert A.**  
Calling hr 6/17 at 10-11am at the Gierlup Memorial Funeral Home, Chicopee. Service at 11am. Burial will follow.

**CAULTON, Barbara Elizabeth (Holmes)**  
A Celebration of Life Service Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 AM Bethlehem Church 123 Allen St. Hampden MA 0186. Visit: www.hendersonsfh.com

**CONLON, Joseph P.**  
Mass at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Westfield at 11am on 6/19. Gathering at 10am at Church.

**CURRY, Marilyn P.**  
Funeral Thurs. 9:30am Agawam Funeral Home (413-786-9483). Mass 11 am Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. Visiting Hours Wed. 4-7 pm.

**EISENSTOCK, James**  
A graveside service with Full Military Honors will be held at the Sons of Zion Cemetery, 72 Ludlow Rd., Chicopee on Thursday, June 17th at 1pm.

**FULLER, Shirley G.**  
Memorial Service Saturday, June 19th at 11AM at Wilbraham Funeral Home. Visitation 10-11AM.

**GAMELLI, Jr., Thomas A.**  
A Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, June 19th, at St. Cecelia's Church, in Wilbraham, at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Byron Keenan Funeral Home, Springfield.

**GAZDA, Peter Paul**  
Funeral Mass Sat. 10 am at the Gierlup Church, Chicopee. No Visiting Hours at St. Pierre-Phaneuf Fairview Chapels (413-533-3307). spierrephaneuf.com

**KWOLEK, Chester J.**  
Graveside service will be held Thursday at 11:00am in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee. For online condolences please visit curranjones.com.

**LASKY, Dorine A.**  
A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 3PM in the Firion Adams FS, 76 Broad St. Westfield. Visiting hours will precede the ceremony from 1-3PM in the funeral home.

**MARTIN, Douglas J**  
Visitation Friday(6/18) from 10-11AM at Hafey FH, with service in funeral home at 11AM. Burial private. hafeyfuneralservice.com

**MCDUFF, Tina M**  
Visitation Friday(6/18) from 2:30-3:30PM at Hafey FH, with service in funeral home at 3:30PM. Burial private. hafeyfuneralservice.com

**MCMAHON, Patricia G.**  
Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 18 at 11 am at the First Congregational Church in East Longmeadow, 7 Somers Rd. East Longmeadow.

**NADEAU, William A.**  
Celebration of Life Fri 6-10PM Southwick Inn, Tribute Toast 8PM New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, www.nefcc.net

**OSTROWSKI, Robert J.**  
A Graveside service will be held on Saturday June 19, 2021 at 10am at the St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Montgomery Street, Chicopee.

**POTITO, Mildred F.**  
Services on JUNE 18, 2021. Visitation from 8:30- 9:30am at Sampson's 710 Liberty St. Spfld. Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10am at Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut St Spfld. Rites of Committal to follow at Hillcrest Park Cemetery 895 Parker St. Spfld

**RIVARD, Mary Lou**  
SAT 11:30 AM at St. Thomas Church, 47 Pine St., W. Spfld. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. A Calling Hour will be held SAT from 10 to 11 AM at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St. W. Spfld.

**ROSS, Janice T.**  
Calling hr is 10-11am on 6/17 at Bethany Assembly of God, Agawam, followed by service at 11.

**SANTANIELLO, Duilio**  
Visiting hours 4-7pm, Friday 6/18, Forastiere Smith E. Long. Funeral Sat 6/19 8:30, Funeral Mass, 10:00, Mt. Carmel Springfield.

**SLATE, Ronald J.**  
Calling hours will be Thurs. June 17, 4-7 p.m. at Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Fri. June 18, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial to follow at West St. Cemetery.

**SOARES, Maria Amelia**  
Visitation is on Fri, June 18th from 5-7pm in Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral on Sat. June 19th at 9am in the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10am in Christ the King Church followed by entombment in the Mausoleum at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

**TAFT, Jacqueline M.**  
A Celebration of Life will be held for Jackie on Saturday, June 19 beginning at 2:00PM at the Byron Keenan Funeral Home, 1858 Allen St., Springfield. Burial will be held at a later date.

**TSANDILAS, John**  
Visiting Hours Wed, Jun 16 from 4 to 7 pm at Sampson Chapel of the Acres 21 Tinkham Rd. Spfld. Funeral Thurs, Jun 17 at 11 am at St George Greek Cathedral 22 St George St. Spfld.

**WELKER, Angelane**  
Visiting Hours Sat, Jun 19 from 10 am to 11 am at Sampson Chapel of the Acres. Funeral Sat, Jun 19 at 11:30 am at St Patrick Church in Spfld. Burial to follow at Gate of Heaven.

### Yvette E. (Carbonneau) Locke 1928 - 2021

Yvette E. (Carbonneau) Locke, 92, of Agawam and South Dennis, MA, passed away peacefully Monday, June 14, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on October 15, 1928, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Eva (Ostiguy) Carbonneau. Mrs. Locke attended Holliston schools and graduated salutatorian of her class. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Locke loved gardening, the ocean and spending time at the Cape. She was a wonderful artist and did outstanding needlework. She was predeceased by her loving and devoted husband of 56 years, Frank R. Locke and her beloved son Thomas S. Locke. She leaves two sons, Frank R. Locke, Jr. and his wife Joanne of Agawam, Jeffrey S. Locke and his wife Suzanne of Nashua, N.H., and three daughters, Cynthia A. Morrison of Pawleys Island, SC, Judith A. Locke of Agawam and Kimberly A. Mason of East Granby, CT. She also is survived by 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored and was equally adored by them. Visiting hours for Mrs. Locke will be held from 4-7PM on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, MA. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd beginning at 9AM from the funeral home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial, to be celebrated at 10AM, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Locke's name to Shriners Hospital for Children, Donation Dept., 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104 or Arthritis National Research Foundation, 19200 Von Kerman Ave., Suite 350, Irvine, CA 92612. For online condolences please visit www.forastiere.com.

### Joan B. Reardon 1930 - 2021



Joan Beverly Reardon (nee Farewell) died peacefully, surrounded by her family, at home in Southwick, Massachusetts at the age of 90 years. Joan is survived by her five children: daughter Patricia and husband Ralph Welliver of Springfield, Massachusetts, son Michael and wife Susan Reardon of Plymouth, Massachusetts, son Randall Reardon of Northampton, Massachusetts, son Timothy and wife Randi Reardon of King City, California and daughter Susan and husband Edward Hepburn of Southwick, Massachusetts. Joan has 12 grandchildren (Raymond, Jannelle, Timothy, Jeffrey, Miranda, Adrienne, Jessica, Brian, Joshua, Riley, Kaily and Carly), 19 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Nothing made Joan happier than spending time with her ever-growing family. Joan was born September 27, 1930, in Holyoke, Massachusetts. She attended school in Holyoke, graduating from high school in 1948. She married the love-of-her-life, Raymond Edward Reardon, in 1951 and lived in the Holyoke/Chicopee area, before moving to Southwick in 1955. Joan was an avid book reader. Ray and Joan loved cross-country car and RV trips and spent several winters in the Florida Everglades and South Padre Island in Texas. They also loved York Beach, Maine and spent many wedding anniversaries there. At Joan's request, there will not be a service, only a private family gathering. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Holyoke VNA Hospice Life Care, 575 Beech Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 and/or the Southwick Fire Department, 15 Depot Street, Southwick, Ma 01077. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com

**SOUTHWICK FORASTIERE FUNERAL & CREMATION**

**Maria Amelia Soares**  
1950 - 2021

**CHATHAM**  
Mary Lou Rivard, 88, passed away Thursday June 10, 2021. She was born in Everett, MA, to the late Dennis and Margaret Begley. Mary Lou was a graduate of Cathedral High School, Class of 1950. She worked for many years in the Town Clerk's Office in West Springfield and for the Parks and Rec Dept. Mary Lou enjoyed sewing, music, going to bingo with her husband. She loved going to the Cape every summer with family and also loved her ice cream. Mary Lou was predeceased by her husband Bernard Rivard in 2001 and her son Lawrence Rivard in 2009. She leaves her loving daughter Deborah Nickerson and her husband Paul of Chatham, MA, her granddaughter Maggie Nickerson and her brother Dennis Begley of W. Spfld. She was also predeceased by her brother Robert Begley. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held SAT at 11:30 AM in St. Thomas Church, 47 Pine St., W. Spfld. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. A Calling Hour will be held SAT from 10 to 11 AM at the TOOMEY-O'BRIEN FUNERAL HOME, 1043 WESTFIELD ST., W. SPFLD. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Mary Lou's name to the D.A.V. 425 Union St., W. Spfld or visit www.dav.org



**Maria Amelia Soares**  
1950 - 2021



**LUDLOW**  
Maria Amelia Soares, 70, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Wife of Fernando; mother to Natalina Tulik (Lou), Danny (Rachyl), Mario (Christine), Bella (Tim), and Carlo, grandmother to Ryan, Joana, Sofia, Hunter, Arianna, and Ciera; sister of Mateus, Madail, Rosa (Bob). Visitation is on Fri., June 18th from 5-7pm in Ludlow Funeral Home. Funeral on Sat. June 19th at 9am in the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10am in Christ the King Church followed by entombment in the Mausoleum at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



To place expressions of sympathy online, please visit [www.masslive.com/obits](http://www.masslive.com/obits)

### Estela Dias 1933 - 2021



**LUDLOW**  
Estela (Veiga) Dias, 88, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2021. Born in Boticas, Portugal to the late Manuel and Casemira Veiga, she immigrated to the United States in 1967 settling in Ludlow where she was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church. Estela worked for many years at Chicopee Undergarments before retiring. Estela was the beloved wife of 64 years to Jose Alves Dias; a loving mother to Joe Dias and wife Anna Maria Ribas Dias, and the late Atty. Joao M.V. Dias; a cherished grandmother to Samantha Dias, Joseph Dias and wife Francesca, Michaela Dias, Marc Dias, and Andrea Dias; great-grandmother to Joseph Anthony Dias, Jr., Jordan Ana Dias ; a dear sister to the late Olimpio and Jose Veiga, and Carmina Nascimento; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. Funeral services for Estela were held privately by her family in Our Lady of Fatima Church with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery. For additional information online at [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com)



### IN MEMORIAM

*In Loving Memory of*

**Ryan Jude Doyle**  
5/12/2000 - 6/16/2019

It's been two years since we've heard your voice, but your strength and spirit continues to inspire all who knew you.

*We miss you everyday.*

*In Loving Memory of*

**Donald F. Martin**  
*Happy Birthday Donald Wife Sheryle & Family*

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

**Memorial Service**  
*In Memory of*

**Virginia "Ginni" Koonz**

1941-2021

Memorial mass for Virginia "Ginni" Koonz on Saturday June 19 at 10am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 63 Pine Street, West Springfield, MA. All are welcome.

### Angelane "Lana" M. Welker 1941 - 2021

**WILBRAHAM**  
Angelane "Lana" Marie (Gentile) Welker, 79, of Wilbraham passed away June 11, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Springfield, MA on August 1, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Alphonse and Mary (Sarad) Gentile. Lana graduated at the top of her class from the High School of Commerce. She went on to receive her Bachelor's degree in Education from American International College in 1963 and worked for many years as an unparalleled elementary school teacher in the Springfield and Hampden Public Schools. Her students were blessed by her brilliant mind and magnanimous heart. Additionally, Lana devoted 44 years as a First Communion instructor and parish faith formation director at St. Mary's Church in Hampden. Lana most enjoyed time with family, always prioritizing the happiness and well-being of others before her own. She embodied a selfless devotion to others and her reputation was one of kindness and generosity. Lana had an uncanny ability to make all whom she knew feel special and cared for. She was the consummate hostess, regularly opening her home for large family gatherings, and it brought her great joy to see her family together. Lana will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her loving husband of 55 years, Otto F. Welker; her children, Heidi Robertson and her husband Thomas of Norfolk, MA, and Brendon Welker and his wife Elizabeth Schmitt of Farmington, CT; her three adoring grandchildren, Caroline Robertson, Natalia Welker, and Isabella Welker, all of whom have been forever influenced by her active involvement in their upbringing; her sisters, Lois Skala of Ludlow, Marlene



Gentile of Savannah, GA, and Debra Duval and her husband Ronald of Wilbraham; her sister-in-law and friend, Joan Gentile of Hingham, MA; and many cherished nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, Lana was predeceased by her beloved brother, Richard Gentile. Visiting Hours for Angelane will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will follow beginning at 11:30AM at St. Patrick's Church, 1900 Allen St., Springfield. Rites of Committal and Interment will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 421 Tinkham Road, Springfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Angelane's memory may be made to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Division of Philanthropy & The Jimmy Fund, ATTN: Hillary Repucci & Dr. Benjamin Schlechter, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445.



### John Wayne Boulette 1958 - 2021

**BLANDFORD**  
John "Popsi" W. Boulette age 63, died June 11, 2021 peacefully without pain, on "Bear Paw Ridge" in his dream home which he and Rhonda designed and built over the last 15 years. John mentored hundreds of alumni and students over his forty-year career as a helicopter pilot, A & P, an intelligent businessman. John is survived by his wife of 38 years, Rhonda Boulette of Blandford, MA; sister and her husband, Diane & Richard Corsi of Longmeadow, MA; step-child, Derek Lindvall of Minneapolis, MN; his mothers-in-law, Joan Lane of Minneapolis, MN and Janice Brown of New Richmond, WI; Joey Batman and enJOY, John's two fur baby cats. Come and share your memories of John from 12:00Noon-2:00PM, Saturday June 19, 2021 at Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation Services, 624 College Highway, Southwick. Afterwards those who would like are invited to the Westwood Pub, 94 N. Elm St, Westfield, MA 00885. In



lieu of flowers, John prefers a donation to Tunnel of Towers. An organization benefiting families who've lost a loved one; those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the field of fire-fighting, law enforcement, first responders, etc. Tunnel to Towers, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306 or on-line at t2t.org or donate. Please visit [www.forastierefuneralhome.com](http://www.forastierefuneralhome.com) for additional information.



### Keith G. Jones 1957 - 2021



**SPRINGFIELD**  
Keith G. Jones, age 64, passed away on June 3, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center. He was born in Meriden, Connecticut on May 16, 1957 to the late Deforest and Barbara (Makis) Jones. Keith worked as a maintenance worker for various apartment complexes. Keith was a weather enthusiast, food connoisseur, and avid storyteller. His hobbies included growing tomatoes, bird watching, and talking sports with his grandsons. He enjoyed Fox News and a refreshing cup of coffee. Keith prided himself on his gorgeous grandchildren and beautifully landscaped lawn. Keith leaves his wife Melanie F. (Kane) Jones of Springfield; his daughter, Meaghan McLarey and her husband Adam of Palmer; seven grandchildren, Caleb, Magdalyn, Evangeline, George, Seraphina, Stellamaris and Cormac; his sister, Karen Ricci of Chaplin, CT and two brothers, Gary Jones of East Longmeadow and Scott Jones of Springfield. Visiting Hours will be held on Sunday, June 20, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm at Sampson Chapel of the Acres 21 Tinkham Rd. Springfield. A Service will take place on Monday, June 21, 2021 starting at 10 am with a funeral home prayer service to begin at 11 am. Burial is private for the family.



### Rita S. Bell 1931 - 2020



**SPRINGFIELD**  
Rita Sheehan Bell, 89, of Springfield, died on March 25, 2020. Family and friends may gather for her Memorial Mass on Monday, June 21st at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Rd., Springfield. For complete obituary please visit [www.wilbrahamfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilbrahamfuneralhome.com).



### In Memoriam Booklets

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The Republican.

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ANOTHER PERFECT WEATHER DAY!

High pressure continues to bring western Mass., some beautiful weather and another sunny, dry and seasonable day is on tap today. We have another cool, crisp night tonight, then tomorrow will warm a bit more. Our lovely dry air will exit Friday night and humidity climbs for Saturday with an early-morning shower from a warm front and a chance for late-day thunderstorms from a cold front. Humidity should lower some Sunday, but we will stay mostly sunny and warm for Father's Day. Heat and humidity look to be in full swing Monday, then a cold front will approach Tuesday with showers and storms. Midweek will turn nice.

SKYWATCH

Tonight's moon starts halfway up in the southwest, and at 11:54 p.m. reaches exact first quarter phase. As it settles in the west, bright Jupiter and dimmer Saturn (right) are sliding low across the southeast.

— Patrick Rowan

THE WEATHER FORECAST

**TODAY**

High **78**  
Low **48**

Mostly sunny and nice

**TONIGHT**

Clear and cool

**TOMORROW**

High **84**  
Low **62**

Mostly sunny

**SATURDAY**

High **86**  
Low **60**

Partly cloudy, p.m. t-storm

**SUNDAY**

High **83**  
Low **58**

Times of sun and clouds

**MONDAY**

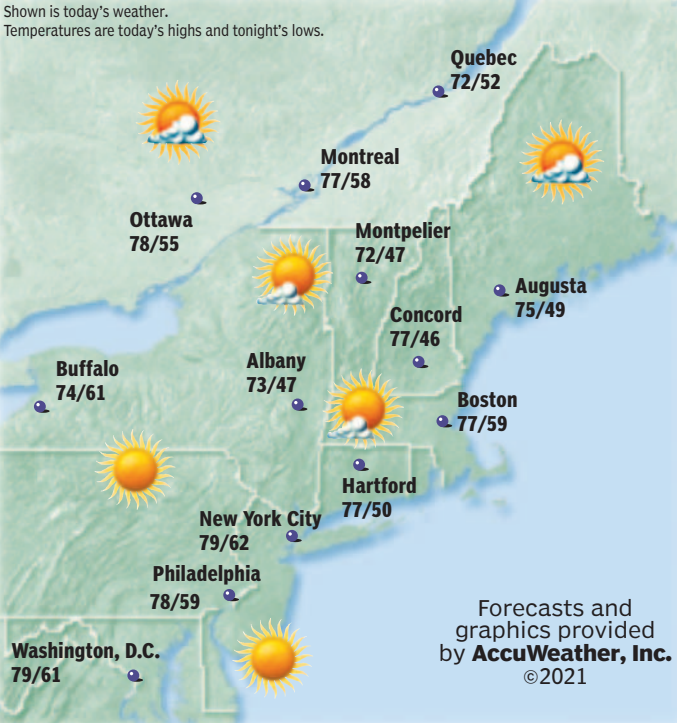
High **88**  
Low **68**

Hot and humid

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REGIONAL WEATHER MAP

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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SUN & MOON

Sunrise/set	5:14 a.m./8:29 p.m.
Moonrise/set	12:09 p.m./12:58 a.m.
Length of day	15:15
Day of year	168

MOON PHASES



ALMANAC

At The Republican weather station ending at 5 p.m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday's high	74 at 3:00 p.m.
Yesterday's low	55 at 5:30 a.m.
Normal high	79
Normal low	58
Record high	96 in 1967
Record low	40 in 1992

Normal, record temperatures and rainfall recorded at Westover Air Reserve Base

ATMOSPHERE & WIND

Yesterday's high humidity	84%
Low humidity	28%
High barometric pressure	29.81 in.
Low barometric pressure	29.71 in.
Peak wind	16 mph at 2:00 p.m.
Pollen Count	
Grass	Moderate
Trees	Moderate
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	N.A.
Air Quality	
Yesterday	Good
Today	Good

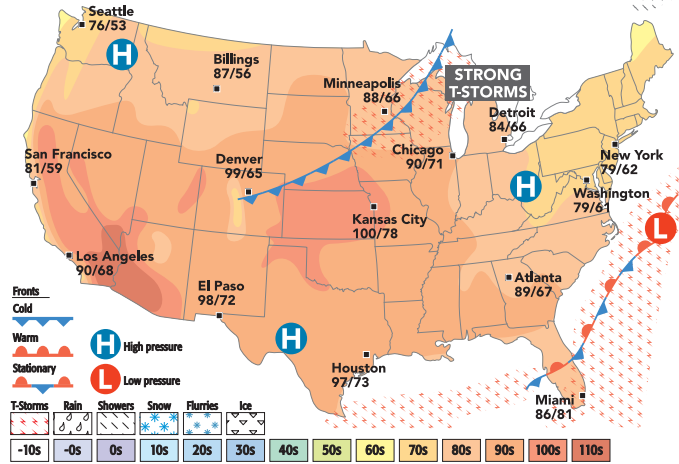
Air Quality Source: MassDEP

PRECIPITATION

Rain yesterday	Trace
Month total	1.18 inches
Year total	17.78 inches

NATIONAL WEATHER MAP TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Albuquerque	96/70/pc	96/72/t	Nashville	91/68/s	93/71/pc
Atlantic City	74/64/s	78/69/s	New Orleans	93/78/pc	86/77/t
Baltimore	80/57/s	86/70/s	New York City	79/62/s	83/68/s
Burlington	76/56/s	81/66/pc	Orlando	88/74/t	89/75/c
Charlotte, SC	89/69/pc	89/73/s	Philadelphia	78/59/s	83/68/s
Charlotte	85/58/s	92/70/s	Phoenix	117/91/pc	117/91/pc
Dallas	98/71/s	96/73/s	Portland, ME	76/51/s	78/61/s
Des Moines	99/73/t	91/66/pc	Salt Lake City	98/73/s	100/74/c
Fairbanks	69/49/sh	75/60/c	San Francisco	81/59/s	79/57/s
Honolulu	87/75/sh	86/73/s	San Juan	87/78/sh	88/78/pc
Las Vegas	113/90/pc	113/90/s	Seattle	76/53/s	74/52/s
Los Angeles	90/68/s	88/67/s	St. Louis	97/80/s	101/77/pc
Miami	86/81/t	89/81/c	Tucson	112/81/pc	111/81/s

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Athens	84/67/s	84/70/pc	Mexico City	70/55/t	67/55/t
Baghdad	100/77/s	106/80/s	Montreal	77/58/s	80/65/pc
Beijing	89/63/s	92/63/pc	Moscow	76/57/s	81/60/s
Berlin	92/68/s	94/70/s	Nassau	89/79/t	89/79/pc
Dublin	64/42/pc	60/44/pc	Paris	87/66/t	78/60/t
Jerusalem	74/66/s	75/66/s	Rio de Janeiro	72/67/sh	73/67/pc
Johannesburg	69/44/s	67/44/s	Rome	82/62/pc	83/62/pc
Kabul	87/55/s	89/57/s	Seoul	78/66/pc	74/59/sh
Lima	68/65/pc	69/64/pc	Sydney	63/50/s	65/55/sh
Lisbon	69/58/t	67/58/t	Tokyo	78/65/pc	78/72/pc
London	70/57/t	59/54/t	Vienna	88/62/s	89/63/s
Madrid	77/59/t	79/60/t	Warsaw	82/56/s	88/63/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

JERUSALEM

Israeli airstrikes target Gaza sites

Palestinians launch flaming balloons back across border

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

Israeli airstrikes hit militant sites in the Gaza Strip early yesterday, and Palestinians responded by sending a series of fire-carrying balloons back across the border for a second straight day — further testing the fragile cease-fire that ended last month's war between Israel and Hamas.

The latest round of violence was prompted by a parade of Israeli ultranationalists through contested east Jerusalem on Tuesday. Palestinians saw the march as a provocation and sent balloons into southern Israel, causing several blazes in parched farmland. Israel then carried out the airstrikes — the first such raids since the May 21 cease-fire ended 11 days of fighting — and more balloons followed.

The airstrikes targeted facilities used by Hamas militants for meetings to plan attacks, the army said. There were no reports of injuries.

"The Hamas terror organization is responsible for all events transpiring in the Gaza Strip, and will bear the consequences for its actions," the army said. It added that it was prepared for any scenario, "including a resumption of hostilities."

By yesterday afternoon, masked Palestinians sent a number of balloons, laden with fuses and flaming rags, into Israel. Several fires were reported.

The unrest provided the

An Israeli firefighter attempts to extinguish a fire caused by an incendiary balloon launched by Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, on the Israel-Gaza border Tuesday. (TSAFIR ABAYOV / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

first test of the cease-fire at a time when Egyptian mediators have been working to reach a longer-term agreement. It comes as tensions have risen again in Jerusalem, as they did before the recent war, leading Gaza's Hamas rulers to fire a barrage of rockets at the holy city on May 10. The fighting claimed more than 250 Palestinian lives and killed 13 people in Israel.

An Egyptian security official said his government has been in "direct and around-the-clock" contacts with Israeli officials and the Gaza rulers to keep the cease-fire and to urge them to refrain from provocative acts.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing behind-the-scenes diplomacy, said the U.S. administration has also been in touch with Israel as part of the efforts.

The two sides seem to agree "not to escalate to the tipping point," he said. "And

we do every effort to prevent this."

The flare-up also has created a test for Israel's new government, which took office early this week. The diverse coalition includes several hard-line parties as well as dovish and centrist parties, along with the first Arab faction ever to be part of an Israeli government.

Keeping the delicate coalition intact will be a difficult task for the new prime minister, Naftali Bennett.

In Tuesday's parade, hundreds of Israeli ultranationalists, some chanting "Death to Arabs," marched in east Jerusalem in a show of force. Hamas called on Palestinians to "resist" the parade, which was meant to celebrate Israel's capture of east Jerusalem in 1967. Palestinians consider it a provocation.

In a scathing condemnation on Twitter, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, who heads the centrist Yesh Atid Party, said those shouting racist slogans

were "a disgrace to the Israeli people."

Bennett, who will hand over the prime minister's job to Lapid after two years, is a hard-line Israeli nationalist who has promised a pragmatic approach as he presides over a delicate, diverse coalition government.

Though there were concerns the march would raise tensions, canceling it would have opened Bennett and other right-wing members of the coalition to intense criticism from those who would view it as a capitulation to Hamas.

Mansour Abbas, whose Raam party is the first Arab faction to join an Israeli coalition, said the march was "an attempt to set the region on fire for political aims," with the intention of undermining the new government.

Abbas said the police and public security minister should have canceled the event.

While the parade provided the immediate impetus for the balloons, Hamas is also angry because Israel has tightened its blockade of the territory since the cease-fire.

The restrictions include a ban on imports of fuel for Gaza's power plant and raw materials.

Israel imposed the blockade after Hamas, a militant group that seeks Israel's destruction, seized control of Gaza from the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority in 2007. Israel and Hamas have fought four wars and numerous skirmishes since then. Israel says the blockade, enforced with Egypt, is needed to prevent Hamas from importing and developing weapons.

WASHINGTON

Fed moves up time frame for rate hikes as inflation rises

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

Associated press

The Federal Reserve signaled yesterday that it may act sooner than previously planned to start dialing back the low-interest-rate policies that have helped fuel a swift rebound from the pandemic recession but have also coincided with rising inflation.

The Fed's policymakers forecast that they would raise their benchmark short-term rate — which affects many consumer and business loans, including mortgages and credit cards — twice by late 2023. They had previously estimated that no rate hike would occur before 2024.

At a news conference, Chair Jerome Powell said the Fed's policymaking committee also began discussing when to reduce its monthly bond purchases. But Powell made clear that the Fed has yet to decide when it will do so. The purchases, which consist of \$120 billion in Treasury and mortgage bonds, are intended to keep longer-term rates low to encourage borrowing.

The Fed has made clear that its first step in slowing its support for the economy will be to pare its bond purchases — and that it would begin to raise rates only sometime after that. Its key rate has been pinned near zero since March 2020.

The central bank's new forecast for rate hikes starting in 2023 reflects an economy that's achieving faster progress than was expected earlier this year.

At the same time, Powell sought yesterday to dispel any concerns that the Fed might

be in a hurry to withdraw its economic support by making borrowing more expensive. The economy, he said, still hasn't improved enough to reduce the pace of the monthly bond purchases, which the Fed has said it intends to continue until "substantial further progress" has been made toward its employment and inflation goals.

"We are a ways away from substantial further progress, we think," Powell said at his news conference. "But we are making progress."

Soon after the Fed issued its statement yesterday, U.S. stocks fell further from their record highs, and bond yields rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose from 1.48% to 1.55%.

Sung Won Sohn, an economist at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, suggested that the markets' initially negative reaction to the Fed's statement might have caused Powell to take a more dovish tone at his news conference. ("Doves," in Fed parlance, typically focus on the Fed's mandate to maximize employment and worry less about inflation. "Hawks," by contrast, tend to concern themselves more with the need to prevent high inflation.)

"We got two different messages from the Fed today," Sohn said. "The interest rate projections were a bit more hawkish than the market expected."

But at his news conference, Sohn said, Powell "emphasized that the economy is still not where it should be, especially in terms of unemployment .... and the Fed still thinks the economy needs stimulus from the central bank."

OXFORD, ENGLAND

Regeneron drug reduces COVID patient deaths in large study

Expanded emergency use sought for the antibody cocktail

By KATHARINE GEMMELL, ROBERT LANGRETH AND ELAINE CHEN

Bloomberg News

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s antibody cocktail reduced the risk of death by 20% among hospitalized COVID-19 patients who don't have a natural antibody response of their own, according to a large study by University of Oxford researchers.

The results suggest there would be six fewer deaths over 28 days for every 100 patients given the company's casirivimab and imdevimab combination of monoclonal antibodies. Patients who got the cocktail also

spent four days fewer in the hospital on average, and had less of a need for a ventilator.

The combined therapy is already authorized in the U.S. for treating COVID outpatients at risk of developing severe symptoms. The data reported yesterday will be used to seek expanded emergency use for the drug cocktail for this large subset of hospitalized patients, Regeneron said in an email.

"This is a very important finding," Fiona Watt, executive chair at the U.K.'s Medical Research Council, said in a statement. "It means that patients being hospitalized with COVID-19 can be divided into two groups based on whether or not they have made antibodies to the virus."

There was no benefit, though, for roughly two thirds of the more than

9,700 patients studied who were either already producing COVID antibodies or whose antibody status was unknown.

When a person is infected, their immune systems can generally produce natural antibodies to fight back against an invader. But some patients can't manage to generate antibodies right away and end up severely sick. It's a group that can include people whose immune systems have been damaged or suppressed.

"The trial was conducted at a time when most patients had not been fully vaccinated," David Weinreich, Regeneron's executive vice president for global clinical development, said in a statement. "These results provide hope to patients who have a poor immune response to either the vaccine or natural infection, as well

as those who are exposed to variants for whom their existing antibodies might be suboptimal."

Regeneron is partnered on the therapy with Roche Holding AG.

Testing for antibodies in coronavirus patients could become the norm, just as sick patients routinely get their blood pressure or oxygen levels checked, said Martin Landray, a study author and a professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Oxford.

"In the future it's just one of the tests you run off to the laboratory," Landray said at a news briefing. "It may not be a widespread practice immediately at the moment but I think it will be very rapidly because there's a very strong use-case."

The findings on Regeneron's cocktail, part of the Recovery trial, come

with the U.K. racing to vaccinate its population as the delta variant first detected in India spreads, and concerns mount over increased pressure on hospitals. The Regeneron cocktail is not currently authorized for use in the U.K..

The data will be reported Wednesday as a preprint article on medRxiv, and will be submitted moving forward to a medical journal, the authors said.

The University of Oxford's Recovery trial has tested numerous other potential COVID-19 drugs. Before this result, the trial is most famous for showing in a giant trial that the steroid dexamethasone could reduce the death rate for COVID-19 patients on ventilators or needing supplemental oxygen. It's now a standard treatment around the world.





New England Patriots quarterback Cam Newton winds up to pass the ball during an NFL football minicamp practice yesterday in Foxborough. (STEVEN SENNE / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PATRIOTS

# Newton sharp in final practice

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FOXBOROUGH — Summer break has officially started for the New England Patriots.

New England closed off-season practices with their final session of mandatory minicamp yesterday afternoon. All eyes have been on the quarterbacks this spring — including Robert Kraft, who was on the sideline for 11-on-11 drills to close things out — and there’s been plenty to glean.

This spring there have been six practices open to the media and MassLive attended all of them. So here are 11 big picture thoughts from all six days on the back fields at Gillette Stadium:

## 1. Newton clearly the starter

Shockingly, Bill Belichick wasn’t joking at the NFL Draft.

“Cam (Newton) is our quarterback,” Belichick said after picking Mac Jones at No. 15 overall. “Whatever time Jarrett (Stidham) or Mac are ready to challenge him and compete, we’ll see how that goes.”

As such, Newton went first in team drills and 7-on-7s in all six practices. The veteran suffered a hand injury in the second open OTA and his results were a mixed bag throughout. He saved his best practice for last though, as Newton was the sharpest quarterback on the field yesterday afternoon. He’ll head into the summer on a positive note.

This is Newton’s gig until somebody takes it. Which brings us to...

## 2. Jones’ growth evident

The rookie certainly still has rookie moments, but his growth from the first OTA to the final day of minicamp was obvious. In the early practices, Jones used checkdowns as a crutch and constantly just opted for short throws rather than pushing the ball downfield. It’s to be expected of a quarterback that’s spent a month in a brand new playbook — especially New England’s.

But when minicamp began, that had changed. Jones had grown more comfortable with his reads and more confident airing things out. He was the best quarterback on the field in the first two days of minicamp.

If he continues ascending over the next six weeks and hits the weight room, we could have an entertaining August on our hands when things pick up in training camp.

## 3. He’s emotional, too

Everybody knows the Patriots are demanding of their players, but just by reading his body language, it’s clear Jones holds himself to a high standard as well.

“I’ve gotten hard coaching

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GOLF | US OPEN

# Cole carrying on legacy

BY JOHN MARSHALL

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Eric Cole has witnessed golf at the highest levels firsthand.

He watched his father, Bobby, play on the PGA Tour and contend for major championships — even if he couldn’t always see the ball in the air. He spent time on the road with his mother, Laura, as she put her name on leaderboards during a long LPGA Tour career.

Now it’s Cole’s turn to show was he can do under the sport’s brightest spotlight.

A mini tour veteran, the 33-year-old will play in his first major championship this week at Torrey Pines after qualifying for the U.S. Open.

“I expect to play well. I feel good about my game right now,” Cole said. “I have kind of a high opinion of my game and I’m excited to see where

it falls among the best golfers in the world.”

Golf has been as much a part of Cole’s life as the thick rough at Torrey Pines during U.S. Open week.

Bobby Cole became the youngest player to win the British Amateur at 18 in 1966 and went on to have a steady PGA Tour career. He won the 1977 Buick Open, took third at the 1974 PGA Championship and 1975 Open Championship, and had two other top-15 finishes at majors.

Bobby also won eight times on the Sunshine Tour in his native South Africa.

Eric was still young at the height of his dad’s career, but got a chance to travel with his mom on the LPGA Tour.

Laura Baugh’s father, Hale, competed at the 1948 Olympics as a pentathlete and was an excellent amateur golfer before becoming a lawyer.

Laura followed her father’s golf-shoe footsteps and had a similar start to her career as Eric’s father, becoming the youngest player to win the U.S. Amateur at 16 in 1971.

She was the 1973 LPGA rookie of the year during a 25-year career, posting 71 top-10 finishes — 10 as runner-up — while piling up endorsements, including Ultra-Brite toothpaste.

Life on the road with his mother gave Cole an insight to life on tour, from the type of skill it takes to succeed to the mental grind of trying to make a living playing golf.

“You see the pros and cons of professional golf,” said Laura, a teaching professional at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. “You see non success, you see success, you see how you’re away from your family, how badly do you want it. You

see things like that sooner than if your parents weren’t involved with golf. You see success comes from hard work, period.”

Cole has never had a swing coach — at least not one outside of the family.

His father handles more of the technical side, tweaking his swing, working on mechanics. His mother helps with the mental and game management aspects.

Both have shown him the ropes they’ve already climbed.

“His dad had a good mental outlook, too,” Laura said. “I’m a firm believer that you keep the pedal down. I’ve never had success when I’ve let it up. You keep the pedal down and you stay focused. He has learned that.”

He certainly has.

Cole played numerous

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MLB

## Driving in runs

Boston Red Sox right fielder Hunter Renfroe drives in two runs with a base hit in the first inning against the Atlanta Braves last night in Atlanta. The game ended too late for today’s print edition. For coverage visit [masslive.com.redsox](https://www.masslive.com/redsox). (JOHN BAZEMORE / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# No days off for Central star QB

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Will Watson III is not taking this summer off.

The class of 2023 Central quarterback has criss-crossed the country the last few weeks, making stops at Ohio State and Notre Dame to tour their campuses and workout with each of their coaching staffs. He has also visited Northwestern, Penn State and Pitt recently and plans to make stops at Kentucky, Arizona, Oregon and a couple Ivy League schools during the summer.

Watson visited the Buckeyes on June 8 along with fellow Golden Eagle players Jayden Bass, Mesias Lee, Joe Griffin Jr. and Josiah Griffin.

Watson took photos in the team’s uniform, toured the campus, played basketball with the team’s coaching staff and took

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# Area golfers qualify for upcoming Mass. Amateur championship

RECENTLY, SIX qualifying events were held for the 113th Massachusetts Amateur Golf Championship, which will be held July 12-16 at Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton.

To be eligible for the Mass. Amateur, players must be amateur golfers who have an active Mass Golf/GHIN Handicap Index at any public, private, semi-private, municipal or non-real estate Mass Golf member course/club not exceeding 4.4.

So far, 65 players have earned a spot in the tournament.

Todd Ezold (Twin Hills Country Club) and Ryan Downes (GreatHorse) shot 2-under-par 70 at the Country Club of Wilbraham-par-72-on June 7 to tie for the top spot. Also finishing the round under par was Douglas Parigan (Long Meadow Golf Club) shooting a 1-under. Both



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FROM THE FAIRWAYS

Parigan and Downes had four birdies in their rounds. Ezold finished with all pars and two birdies.

Other qualifiers include: A.J. Oleksak (GreatHorse) 72, Christopher Novak (Whitinsville Golf Club) 73, Amos Nissenbaum (Quabogag Country Club) 74, Chris Scott (Twin Hills Country Club) 75, Michael Knight (Twin Hills Country Club) 75, Bobby Loguidice (Springfield Country Club) 75, Peter Alminas (GreatHorse) 75, Mike

Trombley (Twin Hills Country Club) 75, Brendan Hester (Pleasant Valley Country Club) 75, Vincent Bucci (Old Sandwich Golf Club) 75. Max Hutter (Weston Golf Club) 75, Alternates are Nico Ciolino (Marlborough Country Club) 76, Jim Patterson (Orchards Golf Club) 76, Jack Hester (Pleasant Valley Country Club) 76, Matthew Bailey (TPC Boston) 76, Kevin Bagge (Orchards Golf Club) 76.

At Northern Spy Golf Club, Alan Smith (Crumpin-Fox Club) 72, also qualified.

At Wahconah Country Club Michael Bechard (Ludlow Country Club) 71 and Jacob Driscoll (Country Club of Pittsfield) 72 also qualified. Alternates include Matthew Gilardi (Country Club of Pittsfield) 74 and Jesse Morgan (Northfield Golf Club) 74.

Mass Amateur qualifying will continue later this month at Captains Golf Course-Starboard Course in Brewster,

Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro and Fall River Country Club in Fall River.

**Springfield Municipal Courses Upgrade:** With the bunker renovation project complete, Franconia Golf Course and Veterans Memorial Golf Course opened for a full 18-holes of play on Monday.

The renovation project was completed by MAS Golf Construction, based out of Hopkinton, Mass. MAS’ list of prior golf course projects include The Country Club at Brookline, TPC Boston and Myopia Hunt Club.

The City of Springfield invested \$1 million in its two municipal golf courses, implementing the “Better Billy Bunker” Method at both locations.

“The ‘Better Billy Bunker’ is the latest and greatest in bunker technology. The tees, fairways, and greens have been beautiful. Now we have

the bunkers to compliment that,” Franconia and Veterans head professional Ryan Hall said.

**TRAVELERS 2021 News:** The Travelers Championship announced the lineup for the 2021 Travelers Celebrity Pro-Am, which takes place June 23, at TPC River Highlands. The event marks the first day that ticketed spectators will have access to the grounds. Among the following individuals scheduled to compete include ESPN broadcaster Chris Berman, former UConn head basketball coach Jim Calhoun, 1984 Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie and retired Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield.

## Hole-in-Ones:

Dave Hunt, Cold Spring Country Club, June 8; 13th hole, 180 yards; Club used: 5 iron. Witnesses: Michel Gohier, Larry Lucas, Fred Anghilante.

Doug George, Amherst Golf Club, June 9; 9th hole,

175 yards; Club used: Hybrid. Witnesses: Hugh Clark, Ed Putnam, John Lloyd, Ken Parker.

Jim Copper, Crumpin-Fox Golf Club, May 22; 11th hole, 132 yards. Witnesses: Matt Hornick, Claudia Copper.

Andy Wyngowski, Thomas Memorial Golf and C.C., June 8; 9th hole, 149 yards; Club used: 8 iron. Witnesses: Wayne Degrenier and Bob White.

Chip Keeney, Westover Golf Course, May 14th; 8th hole, 131 yards. Witnesses: Dave Caron, Abilio Olmos.

James McLaughlin, Longmeadow Country Club, June 12th; 4th hole, 126 yards; Club used: 9-Iron. Witnesses: Dan McLaughlin, Michael McLaughlin, Brad Bares.

Neil Sheehan, Springfield Country Club, June 13th; 2nd Hole, 98 yards; Club used: Sand Wedge. Witnesses: Anthony Riga, Sean Murphy, Marilyn Rovelli.



NBA PLAYOFFS

Paul in league health & safety protocols

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

Phoenix guard Chris Paul has entered the NBA’s health and safety protocols, the Suns said yesterday, and it is unclear whether he’ll be available for the start of the Western Conference finals next week.

The Suns said Paul’s status will be evaluated again Saturday. The earliest possible start date for the West finals is Sunday; that series schedule is contingent on when the other West semifinal between the Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Clippers ends.

Paul has been vaccinated against COVID-19, said a person with knowledge of the situation, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of privacy concerns. And that may mean that Paul could be cleared to return more quickly than

some who tested positive earlier this season before vaccines were readily available; it wasn’t uncommon for players who entered the protocols to miss two weeks or more.

“My faith isn’t going to waver now because we’ve had a few obstacles,” Suns coach Monty Williams said. “We’ve had obstacles all season long and gotten through a lot of stuff. You look forward to these challenges, you embrace them and you move forward.”

Phoenix practiced on Tuesday and yesterday without Paul, starting the process of getting ready for a West finals berth now accompanied with even more uncertainty than first thought. The Suns don’t know who they’ll play, when they’ll play, where the series will start and now, aren’t sure if their 10-time All-NBA point guard will be ready.

Williams said the Suns are handling the emotional ebbs and flows, from the highs of sweeping Denver in the second round to reach the West final to the news that Paul’s status is in doubt, as well as can be expected.

“One of the things we’ve said, if you’re nutty enough to listen to me around here, we’re just going to do the next right thing,” Williams said. “And that’s focus on the next practice, the next film session. I just left our gym and the spirit was unreal. Our guys understand that we’ve dealt with stuff this year, other teams have dealt with it, it’s just part of the NBA.”

Leonard out

All-NBA forward Kawhi Leonard has a right knee sprain that kept him out of the Los Angeles Clippers’ lineup for Game 5 of the

Western Conference semifinals against the Utah Jazz last night and raises questions about his availability going forward. It’s feared that Leonard has an Achilles injury

The Clippers said that there is “no timetable for his return.” Game 5 was last night in Salt Lake City; Game 6 is tomorrow in Los Angeles.

It is a massive blow for the Clippers, who have split the first four games of their series with the top-seeded Jazz and are trying to reach the West finals for the first time in franchise history. Leonard is a two-time NBA Finals MVP, and is averaging 30.4 points on 57% shooting in the playoffs.

The Clippers were 11-9 without Leonard during the regular season. They’re 6-1 so far in the playoffs when he scores at least 28 points, 0-4 otherwise.

EUROPEAN SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Russia 1, Finland 0

With a slick one-two and a beautiful curling shot, Aleksei Miranchuk finally gave Russia something to smile about at the European Championship.

The left-footed playmaker produced the one moment of class in a chaotic game yesterday to give Russia a win over Finland and its first points at Euro 2020.

Now Russia is tied on points

with the Finns, who missed a chance to reach the last 16 with a game to spare with a second straight victory in their first major tournament. Their first victory was 1-0 over Denmark in a match marked by Christian Eriksen’s collapse.

Wales 2, Turkey 0

Gareth Bale made sure his missed penalty didn’t matter by setting up two goals.

The Wales captain created chance after chance in his

team’s victory over Turkey.

Bale lofted a pass over the defense that Aaron Ramsey chested down before knocking it past onrushing Turkey goalkeeper Ugurcan Cakir in the 42nd minute. Connor Roberts scored the second in the final seconds of injury time after Bale dribbled along the touchline from a short corner.

The win moved the Euro 2016 semifinalists closer to a place in the last 16 with four points in Group A. Turkey has

zero points after losing both of its matches.

Italy 3, Switzerland 0

Manuel Locatelli led the way for the Italians, scoring goals in the 26th and 52nd minutes in a shutout of Switzerland.

Ciro Immobile capped the scoring, find the back of the net in the 89th minute.

The win gives Italy six points in the Group Stage in its two games so far.

—Associated Press

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my whole life, so I’m super hard on myself,” Jones said last week. “Josh (McDaniels), he expects everything to be perfect. That’s why he’s so great at what he does.”

That comes out on the practice field. At one of the OTAs, all four quarterbacks were trying to loft footballs into a bucket in the corner of the end zone. It was a low-percentage throw and none of them hit it, but after a miss Jones smacked his hands together in frustration. He often does that when there’s an errant throw — he’s quick to tell a receiver it’s the quarterback’s fault — and when he threw an interception on yesterday he almost pounded the ground in frustration.

It’s obvious that Jones expects a lot of himself.

4. Stidham the No. 3

As the depth chart takes shape, Jarrett Stidham is solidly third at the end of minicamp.

In team drills, Newton was followed by Jones, and both of those quarterbacks were given significantly more reps than the third-year passer. He’ll have to climb his way back into the conversation when training camp opens next month.

5. Unhappy Gilmore

As Stephon Gilmore sat out minicamp amid a contract dispute, his absence was visible.

J.C. Jackson took his place and Jalen Mills ascended to the No. 2 corner spot, but with all due respect, they’re not the 2019 Defensive Player of the Year. Gilmore has been a clinician on the practice field and that carries over to gameday. With plenty of cap room, the Patriots would do well to re-work Gilmore’s contract in the coming weeks.

6. Uche the player to watch

Though they’re not wearing pads, it’s impossible not to notice Josh Uche’s quickness.

The second-year edge rusher blew past tackles consistently in 11-on-11 drills and seemed to be good for at least a sack each practice. If there’s one player Patriots fans should be excited to see when training camp opens, it’s Uche.

7. Drops need to be cleaned up

Over the course of six practices, too many balls hit the ground.

With new quarterbacks and receivers, it’ll take some reps to get timing down, but Nelson Agholor and Kendrick Bourne had their share of straight drops, too. Perhaps the quarterbacks and pass

catchers reconvene for some more off-field work in July.

8. Steve B calls the defense

With former defensive coordinator Matt Patricia back in the fold with a vague job description, I was curious to see who ran things on that side of the ball.

It was still Steve Belichick wearing the coordinator’s headset — though he doesn’t have that title — during team periods. Jerod Mayo was vocal in getting personnel in and out, and Patricia did some hands-on work in individual periods, but it appeared Belichick was still the one calling plays.

9. Camp battles certainly coming

There are going to be some exciting roster battles when training camp opens.

N’Keal Harry had a solid minicamp but will still need to win a roster spot in August, and if Gilmore’s holdout continues, there will be a fierce fight for playing time at cornerback. The Patriots still have three kickers in camp, and while Nick Folk still looks automatic from inside 50 yards, rookie Quinn Nordin has an absolute rocket leg.

10. Onwenu the guard

The Patriots offensive line took shape in the fashion that most expected it to:

LT: Isaiah Wynn, LG:

Michael Onwenu, C: David Andrews, RG: Shaq Mason, RT: Trent Brown

Ted Karras served as the primary interior backup, and Justin Herron looks to be the most likely swing tackle when things pick up.

11. Au revoir, Ernie

Yesterday afternoon was the final practice for longtime Patriots man of mystery, Ernie Adams. At its conclusion, Belichick huddled his players to congratulate his Football Research Director on more than two decades in New England.

In a surprise press conference, Adams was made available to the media for the first time ever. He was asked to describe what exactly it was that Belichick tasked him with in Foxborough.

“Basically, my job is to figure out as many things as I can to help the New England Patriots win football games,” Adams said. “In the end, that’s what we’re all about here. That’s what we do. So whether it’s strategy, personnel or anything else. The thing that’s been great about my job is I’ve never really had any constraints put on me. I could go in any area I thought would help us. Hopefully, I’ve made some positive contribution.”

Six Super Bowl rings seem to reflect that Adams did.

Watson

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part in a throwing session led by head coach Ryan Day.

Since Day took over the Buckeyes program in 2019, the team has won two Big 10 titles, played in the 2020 National Championship Game and Day was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2019.

Day gave Watson some coaching points on his throwing motion and how to plant his back foot to get the maximum amount of velocity on the ball. They also worked

on his release.

The coaching staff at Ohio State has been in touch with Watson for a few months and, although he has not received an offer from the program, he looks forward to building his relationship with coach Day and the staff.

Watson’s next stop was Notre Dame on Tuesday. While in South Bend, he worked one-on-one with Fighting Irish Offensive Coordinator Tommy Rees and other members of the program’s coaching staff.

Watson has not received an offer from Notre Dame,

but was told that the team’s coaching staff likes how he throws the ball and that the program will be awarding some scholarship offers at the end of June.

“Hopefully I’m one of those guys,” Watson said.

In addition to working with Rees, Watson was given a tour of the campus. He visited the Basilica of the Sacred Heart church and the program’s locker room.

Watson liked the size of the campus and said it is a place he could see himself at.

“I like being around a lot of people,” Watson said. “Big

campus. It’s like being back home with a lot of people around.”

Watson currently holds scholarship offers from UMass, Boston College, Tennessee, Michigan, Pittsburgh, Oregon and Arizona. He thinks if he were to be awarded scholarship offers from Ohio State and Notre Dame it would take his recruitment to the next level.

“It would change the game,” Watson said. “If you can play at Notre Dame and Ohio State, which are consistently in the playoff, you can play anywhere.”

won the 1969 Junior World Championship in the girls 13-14 division.

“This has been a dream of mine,” Cole said. “I’ve always wanted to play golf on the biggest stage. This is certainly the biggest stage.”

Cole, with an assist from his parents, has been preparing for this moment all his life.

SCOREBOARD

RED SOX	BLUE SOX	STARFIRES	REVOLUTION
at Kansas City Tomorrow, 8:10	vs. Danbury Tomorrow, 7:05	vs. Brockton Tonight, 6:30	at NYCFC Saturday, 7:30
at Kansas City Saturday, 4:10	at Mystic Saturday, 6:05	at Pittsfield Tomorrow, 7:00	vs. Red Bulls June 23, 7:00

ON THE AIR

GOLF

10:30 a.m.: Meijer LPGA Classic, First Round.....TV-Golf

12:30 p.m.: PGA, U.S. Open, First Round .....TV-Golf

7 p.m.: PGA, U.S. Open, First Round .....TV-22

HORSE RACING

8:30 a.m.: Royal Ascot, Day 3 .....TV-NBCSN

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m.: PFL 5, Welterweights & Light Heavyweights (Part 2).....TV-ESPN2

MLB

1 p.m.: Baltimore at Cleveland .....TV-MLBN

4 p.m.: Arizona at San Francisco (Joined in Progress) .....TV-MLBN

7 p.m.: NY Yankees at Toronto OR St. Louis at Atlanta.....TV-MLBN

NBA

8:40 p.m.: Eastern Conference Semi, Brooklyn at Milwaukee.....TV-ESPN

NHL

8 p.m.: Stanley Cup Semi, Tampa Bay at NY Islanders .....TV-USA

SOCCER (MEN’S)

8:30 a.m.: Euro Championship, Ukraine vs. North Macedonia .....TV-ESPN

11:30 a.m.: Euro Championship, Denmark vs. Belgium .....TV-ESPN

2:30 p.m.: Euro Championship, Netherlands vs. Austria .....TV-ESPN

5 p.m.: Copa América, Colombia vs. Venezuela .....TV-FS1

8 p.m.: Copa América, Peru vs. Brazil .....TV-FS1

SWIMMING

8 p.m.: U.S. Olympic Trials, Finals .....TV-NBCSN

10 p.m.: U.S. Olympic Trials, Finals .....TV-22

TENNIS

5 a.m.: ATP-London, Halle; WTA-Birmingham, Berlin-WTA.....TV-Tennis

WNBA

8 p.m.: Minnesota at Dallas .....TV-CBSN

10 p.m.: New York at Las Vegas .....TV-CBSN

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<b>GB</b>	<b>GB</b>
Tampa Bay	New York
RED SOX	Philadelphia
New York	Atlanta
Toronto	Washington
Baltimore	Miami
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Houston	Los Angeles
Seattle	San Diego
Los Angeles	Colorado
Texas	Arizona
<b>Tuesday’s Games</b>	<b>Tuesday’s Games</b>
RED SOX 10, Atlanta 8	Washington 8, Pittsburgh 1
Cleveland 7, Baltimore 2	N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5	Boston 10, Atlanta 8
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 0	St. Louis 2, Miami 1
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3	Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings
Houston 6, Texas 3, 10 innings	Colorado 8, San Diego 4
Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 4	San Francisco 9, Arizona 8
Seattle 10, Minnesota 0	L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 3
<b>Wednesday’s Games</b>	<b>Wednesday’s Games</b>
RED SOX at Atlanta, n	RED SOX at Atlanta, n
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5	St. Louis 1, Miami 0
Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings	Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1
Oakland 8, L.A. Angels 4	Colorado 8, San Diego 7
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, n	Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1
Texas at Cleveland, n	Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, n
Minnesota at Seattle, n	Arizona at San Francisco, n
<b>Thursday’s Games</b>	<b>Thursday’s Games</b>
Baltimore (López 2-7) at Cleveland (TBD), 1:10	Arizona (Smith 2-2) at San Francisco (Gausman 7-1), 3:45
N.Y. Yankees (King 0-3) at Toronto (TBD), 7:07	Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 8-4) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 6-4), 7:10
Chi. White Sox (Cease 5-2) at Houston (Urquidy 4-3), 8:10	St. Louis (Gant 4-4) at Atlanta (Morton 5-3), 7:20
Detroit (Manning) at LA Angels (Ohtani 2-1), 9:38	Cincinnati (Miley 6-4) at San Diego (Mugrove 4-6), 8:40
Tampa Bay (Hill 5-2) at Seattle (Dunn 1-3), 10:10	Milwaukee (Woodruff 5-2) at Colorado (Márquez 4-6), 8:40

MINOR LEAGUES
<b>Wednesday’s Games</b>
<b>Triple-A East</b>
Lehigh Valley at WOOSOX, n
Toledo 14, Columbus 10
Jacksonville at Charlotte, n
Syracuse at Scranton W/B, n
Durham at Norfolk, n
Buffalo at Rochester, n
Memphis at Indianapolis, n
Nashville at Gwinnett, n
Iowa at St. Paul, n
Louisville at Omaha, n
<b>Double-A Northeast</b>
YARD GOATS 6, New Hampshire 4
Harrisburg 7, Reading 2
Akron at Bowie, n
Portland at Binghamton, n
Richmond at Somerset, n
Altoona at Erie, n
<b>LOCAL GOLF</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS</b>
ORCHARDS: (PineTree) A. Melcer-D. Cabana-D. McClain-B. Collina -2; B. Foley-M. Hale-S. Jarocki -5, J. Theroux-B. Babineau-U. Sawyer -5.
SPRINGFIELD: (9 Hole Ladies, Best Par 4’s) C. Connelly -1; C. Bagshaw +1, J. Garvin +1.
WESTOVER: (Seniors) A. Birch-D. Caron-E. Turgeon -10; H. Mills-D. Charpentier-S. Peczkla +21; J. Gold-J. Wilbruh-W. Smith-J. Forys-H. James +20.
GILBRAWHAM: (Member Guest) Gross: J. Morin, T. Kennedy, J. Perenick, A. Desimone 65; R. McMilln, C. Makuch, S. Makuch, C. Young 69; B. Martin, R. Martin, B. Nardella, A. Rodgers 69; Net: J. Martin, J. Martin, M. Milton, K. Castunguay 57; T. Fowle, C. Anderson, T. Anderson, M. Rheault 58; P. Rouette, M. Rouette, P. Daniele, J. DiRico 59.
<b>TUESDAY’S RESULTS</b>
EAST MOUNTAIN: (Ladies League) Div A Gross: A. Sarkis 44; Net: D. Rivard 34; Div B Gross: C. Martin 50; Net: P. Leader 34; Div C Gross: L. Parent 54; Net: J. LaBonte 34.
FRANCONIA: (Women’s League) Div. 1 Gross: J. Provost 44; Net: C. Perrault 31; Div. 2 Gross: A. Fenton 48; Net: S. Rome 33; 9 Holes: Gross: K. Couture 8; Net: K. Lovell 10.
LONGMEADOW: (Ladies’ 18 Holes, Flag Day) K. Lyon-A. Corsetti-M. Foad-T. Poisson-C. Nault.
LUDLOW: (Ladies Flag Day) M. Thompson; S. Bruschi; T. Cote; (Moonlighters) D. McCabe +5, E. Croteau +5; R. Lavoie +3, H. Clay +3.
ORCHARDS: (PineTree) L. Lameroux-D. Cabana-A. Bender +4; M. Hobby-D. Sawyer-J. McGrath +3.
VETERANS: (Women’s T&Fs) 1st Div.: S. Losacano 43; T. Labonte 46; 2nd Div.: C. Ryan 53; J. Webb 56; 3rd Div.: M. Knight 58; N. O’Connor 62; 9 Holes: B. Knaus 21; B. Costello 22.
<b>MONDAY’S RESULTS</b>
WESTOVER: (Seniors) H. Mills-A. Olmos-E. Turgeon-N. Niles +5; A. Birch-A. Santos-D. Caron-S. Peczkla +1, B. Brown-J. Adams-R. Whiting-R. Cloutier +1.
<b>SUNDAY’S RESULTS</b>
AGAWAM: (Men’s Association Points) T. Keyes +9; K. Wapner +7; J. Conte +4, B. Muttli +4, J. Jochim +4; Gross: P. Vanasse 73; J. Bottomley 74; J. Jochim 75.
AMHERST: (Senior’s Championship) Over-50 Gross: D. Hodgkins 75; Net: R. Frant 66; K. Dapprich 67, D. Hodgkins 67; Over-65 Gross: G. Kios 81, R. Frant 81; Net: R. Frant 66; 3-Ball Best Ball Gross: J. Gold-J. Jones-B. Mitrowski 73, D. Hodgkins-S. McNiven-D. Farnham 73; Net: J. Haskell-K. Dapprich-D. Levin 58; D. Hodgkins-S. McNiven-D. Farnham 60; S. Cleary-J. Kuusisto-D. Simpson 61.
LONGMEADOW: (President’s Cup, 36 holes) Net: S. Kilijanski 136; B. Travers 143; C. Makuch 145, B. Hogan 145, B. Walthouse 145, T. Joyce 145, D. Swords 145; Front 9: R. D’Agostino 2, M. Shea -2; M. Frattini Even, B. Dunne Even, B. Dietz Even, P. Quinn Even; Back 9: P. O’Shea -3; L. Dunne -1; Total: E. Breck -2, J. Mancuso -2; D. McLaughlin Even, J. Meehan Even.
TWIN HILLS: (President’s Cup, Two Day 36 Hole Net) Men’s Division: J. Kraep 136; J. Burjan 139, J. Morneau 139; D. Lavenburg 140, S. Ventriglia 140; Men’s White Tee Division: B. Ernst 142; A. Cardaropoli 144; M. Muratore 147; Women’s Division: B. Butcher 136; R. Muratore 150; C. Zimmermann 152.

LOCAL BASEBALL

<b>NECBL</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>
BLUE SOX 11, Bristol 0
<b>Friday</b>
Danbury at BLUE SOX, 7:05 p.m.
<b>FCBL</b>
<b>Thursday</b>
Roxbury at STARFIRES, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>
STARFIRES at Pittsfield, 7 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

<b>CONFERENCE FINALS</b>
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
<b>Vegas vs. Montreal</b>
Vegas lead series 1-0
Game 1: Vegas 4, Montreal 1
Game 2: Brooklyn 125, Milwaukee 86
Friday: Vegas at Montreal, 8
Sunday: Vegas at Montreal, 8
x-Tuesday, June 22: Montreal at Vegas, 9
x-Thursday, June 24: Vegas at Montreal, 8
x-Saturday, June 26: Montreal at Vegas, 8
<b>Tampa Bay vs. NY Islanders</b>
Series tied 1-1
Game 1: NY Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 1
Game 2: Tampa Bay 4, NY Islanders 2
Thursday: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 8
Saturday: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 8
Monday, June 21: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 8
x-Wednesday, June 23: Tampa Bay at NY Islanders, 8
x-Friday, June 25: NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 8

NBA PLAYOFFS

<b>CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS</b>
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>
<b>Milwaukee vs. Brooklyn</b>
Brooklyn leads series 3-2
Game 1: Brooklyn 115, Milwaukee 107
Game 2: Brooklyn 125, Milwaukee 86
Game 3: Milwaukee 86, Brooklyn 83
Game 4: Milwaukee 107, Brooklyn 96
Game 5: Brooklyn 114, Milwaukee 108
Thursday: Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8:30
x-Saturday: Milwaukee at Brooklyn, TBD
<b>Philadelphia vs. Atlanta</b>
Series tied 2-2
Game 1: Atlanta 128, Philadelphia 124
Game 2: Philadelphia 118, Atlanta 102
Game 3: Philadelphia 127, Atlanta 111
Game 4: Atlanta 103, Philadelphia 100
Wednesday: Atlanta at Philadelphia, n
Friday: Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30
x-Sunday, June 20: Atlanta at Philadelphia, TBD
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>
<b>Phoenix vs. Denver</b>
Phoenix wins series 4-0
<b>Utah vs. L.A. Clippers</b>
Series tied 2-2
Game 1: Utah 112, L.A. Clippers 109
Game 2: Utah 117, L.A. Clippers 111
Game 3: L.A. Clippers 132, Utah 106
Game 4: L.A. Clippers 118, Utah 104
Wednesday: L.A. Clippers at Utah, n
Friday: Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10
x-Sunday: L.A. Clippers at Utah, TBD
<b>WNBA</b>
<b>Wednesday’s Games</b>
Phoenix at Los Angeles, n
<b>Thursday’s Games</b>
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.
SUN at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.



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## Tag Sales

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Feeding Hills, 490 North Westfield St., Fri. 6/18 3-7 Sat.-Sun. 6/19 & 20, 8-3. MOVING SALE!!!

Hampden, 116 Mountain Rd., Fri. 6/18 & Sat. 6/19, 8-4. Huge sale, a lot of everything! Great prices!

## LONGMEADOW Estate SALE

164 Viscount Road Sat. 6/19, 8a - 4p Sun. 6/20, 11a-1p First floor and garage only this week.

retro livrn sofa, end tbls, many lamps, dvr sink, Colonial Williamsburg black front chest, lg lighted display cab., unusual milk glass, barber bottles & mustache cup, orate metal tbl & chairs, lge lovely wicker set, gardening, patio furn., fine china sets, quality Dr. set, tea cart, many stands, kitchen, household, high back bench, Wurlitzer console piano, treadmill, Christmas, Lladro figurines, Santas, paintings, Craftsman's cart, next week we open the whole house (Wanda)

Longmeadow, 179 Cambridge Cir. Sat. 6/19, 9-3. Mult. family, furn., lighting, clothing, hshld items

Longmeadow, 55 Shady Side Dr., Sat. 6/19, 9-4pm & Sun. 6/20, 9-3pm. Amazing Estate Sale not to be missed! Contents of 8 room sprawling ranch & 2 car gar. See our Craig's List Ad. LINDA & KIM

Springfield, 162 Allen Ridge Rd. Sat. 6/19 & Sun. 6/20, 9-3. Furn., hshld., something for everyone!

## MOVING

Three Rivers Moving Sale 28 Cedar St. - Sat. June 19th 9am-2pm - Sun. June 20th 10am-2pm. Only! Pickers Delight! Tools, Furn. (roltop, bureau), clothing, items, kids games, toys & much more! No early birds.

Westfield - 32 Hickory Ave. Fri. 6/18, 8-4, Sat. 6/19, 8-4 & Sun. 6/20, 8-noon. Variety of different things.

West Spfld. - 16 Robinson Rd. Fri. & Sat. 6/18 & 6/19, 9-3. Hshld. items, kids games, toys & much more! No early birds.

West Springfield - huge neighborhood tag sale Dion Drive & Nelson St. June 18, 19 & 20, 9-3pm.

## Animals

Birds  
Cats  
Dogs  
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Fish  
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▼ 265.66	34,033.67
<b>NASDAQ</b>	
▼ 33.17	14,039.68
<b>NYSE</b>	
▼ 113.05	16,542.76
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	
▼ 22.89	4,223.70

## RATES

**EXCHANGE AND INTEREST RATES**  
NEW YORK | Key currency exchange rates yesterday, as compiled by the Associated Press. The numbers represent the price of one unit of each currency, expressed in U.S. dollars.

DOLLAR VS:	EXCH.RATE	PRV. DAY
Pound.....	1.4003.....	1.4081
Canadian dollar.....	.8155.....	.8203
Euro.....	1.2016.....	1.2124
Yen.....	.009050.....	.009083
Mexican peso.....	.049257.....	.049843
Swiss franc.....	1.1035.....	1.1132

METAL	PRICE (TROY OZ.)	PRV. DAY
NY HSBC Bank Gold....	\$1842.00.....	\$1892.00
NY Merc Gold.....	\$1859.50.....	\$1893.20
NY Merc Silver.....	\$27.800.....	\$27.985

CRUDE OIL		
New York Mercantile exchange		
Light Sweet Crude.....Jul.....	\$72.15.....	+\$3

MONEY RATES		
Prime Rate:.....	3.25	
Discount Rate Primary:.....	0.75	
Fed Funds Target:.....	0.00-0.25	
FNMA 30-yr mtg commitment	60-days:.....	2.42

## WASHINGTON

## US home construction up 3.6% in May

U.S. home construction rose 3.6% in May as builders battled a surge in lumber prices that have made homes more expensive. The May increase left construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.57 million units, the Commerce Department reported yesterday. Applications for building permits, considered a sign of future activity, fell 3% in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.68 million units. Housing has been one of the standout performers during the pandemic-triggered recession.

## NEW YORK

## Poultry prices soar amid sandwich wars

Chicken-sandwich fever means poultry is pacing U.S. food inflation in the meat case.

U.S. producer prices for processed poultry jumped to an all-time high in May, climbing 2.1% in the eighth straight monthly increase, U.S. government data showed Tuesday. Gains in poultry outpaced the 0.8% increase in the broader producer price index.

The surge comes after several large

fast-food restaurant chains recently launched fried-chicken sandwiches in a bid to match Popeyes' 2019 viral success. Sales have also surged with consumers preparing more meals at home during the pandemic. Meanwhile, poultry producers have struggled to keep up with the growing demand, with labor shortages at meat plants and severe winter storms that killed thousands of birds constricting chicken supplies.

McDonald's, KFC and Burger King have all recently introduced new chicken sandwiches. At U.S. restaurants, orders for chicken entrees were up 4% for the year ending in April 2021, according to market researcher NPD Group. Beef orders were down 14% and pork was down 18%.

## DALLAS

## Southwest struggling with flight delays

Passengers on Southwest Airlines had to deal with canceled flights and delays for a third day yesterday, as the airline tried to recover from technology problems that started earlier this week.

By late afternoon Central time, Southwest had canceled nearly 400 flights and more than 1,000 were delayed, according to tracking service FlightAware. Combined, the disruptions affected 40% of the airline's

## schedule.

Passengers took to Twitter to complain about long delays — and also report that Southwest's online sweepstakes promotion didn't seem to be working either.

A Southwest spokesman said the airline fixed what it termed a network-connectivity issue that cropped up Tuesday but was still experiencing cancellations and delays as it worked to resume normal operations.

While Southwest's problems yesterday were far more extensive than at other U.S. airlines — American canceled about 40 flights and delayed 350 more, according to FlightAware — it was an improvement over the previous two days.

## DETROIT

## GM, Ford boost electric vehicle investments

General Motors will raise spending on electric and autonomous vehicles and add two U.S. battery factories as it gambles that consumers will eagerly switch from gasoline to the new technology.

The announcements came as crosstown rival Ford said its entire Lincoln luxury brand lineup would be electric or gas-electric hybrid by 2030, including four fully electric vehicles. For months, the automakers have been one-upping each other

with electric vehicle announcements, which have fueled stock price increases for both companies. GM wouldn't disclose locations for the plants. But Chief Financial Officer Paul Jacobson said they would be similar to those under construction in Ohio and Tennessee. Those factories each will employ more than 1,000 workers and cost about \$2.3 billion.

## CHICAGO

## Abundant wheat crops temper supply worries

Farmers from Kansas to Kyiv are gearing up to collect abundant wheat crops in coming weeks, helping ease a global grain shortfall that's fueled a surge in prices.

Spring rains showered fields in the Black Sea region, U.S. Plains and European Union, bolstering prospects for the approaching winter-wheat harvest across major suppliers. The staple is the first major crop collected in the Northern Hemisphere, and hefty harvests will aid in replenishing grain silos drained by surging Chinese demand and poor weather last year.

The outlook for refreshed supplies is contributing to a cool-down in prices after a rally across agricultural markets propelled a gauge of global food costs to near a decade high.

— *Compiled from wire reports*

## STOCKS

LOCAL INTEREST																					
NYSE							NASDAQ							INDEX							
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)							GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)							LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)							
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		Daily High	Daily Low	Close	Chg	
AMC Ent	1658071	55.18	-6.5				X Finl rs	9.60	+1.33	+16.1		TAL Educ	23.97	-4.88	-16.9		DOW	34333.25	33917.11	34033.67	-265.66
ItaUnIt	747355	6.54	+1.4				GeoGrp	7.30	+6.88	+10.3		Gaotu Tch	13.71	-1.96	-12.5		DOW Trans.	15308.12	15088.05	15138.68	-166.71
GenElec	700325	13.44	-7.7				Yirendig	5.79	+5.1	+9.7		NewOrEd s	8.37	-1.17	-12.3		DOW Util.	923.09	903.70	903.93	-14.50
Form	689356	15.02	+6				Bit Min	9.20	+7.4	+8.7		LaZBoy	37.34	-4.94	-11.7		Dow Stocks	11528.85	11378.13	11404.75	-111.79
BkofAm	637991	41.62	+6				Ranpak	22.88	+1.51	+7.1		HavertyA	44.70	-4.52	-9.2		NYSE Comp.	16655.81	16497.75	16542.76	-113.05
Palantir n	582605	24.80	+1.6				ChroPeT	31.35	+1.96	+6.7		GreenTrH	12.84	-1.26	-8.9		NASDAQ	14129.69	13903.73	14039.68	-33.17
NewOrEd s	544760	8.37	-12.3				ZIM Intg	45.12	+2.77	+6.5		BP Pru	5.26	-4.7	-8.2		S&P 500	4251.89	4202.45	4223.70	-22.89
Citigroup	531459	71.46	-3.2				Agiliti n	24.44	+1.44	+6.3		Roblox n	82.59	-7.21	-8.0		S&P 400	27424.25	2694.29	2706.22	-17.87
BlackBerry	439450	12.88	-7.9				GencoSh	19.41	+1.14	+6.2		BlackBerry	12.88	-1.11	-7.9		Wilshire 5000	44551.06	44063.67	44328.97	-206.83
Roblox n	438849	82.59	-8.0				Corecivic	11.97	+6.8	+6.0		Kinross g	7.11	-5.5	-7.2		Russell 2000	2321.91	2296.21	2314.69	-5.38
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GlaxoSKin	2.89	7.1	14	40.66	+0.9	+10.5	McCorm s	2.72	3.1	32	87.57	-1.20	-8.4	McKesson	1.68	.9	...	191.42	-2.84	+10.1	
Hasbro	2.79	2.9	58	94.00	-1.12	-0.8	Microsoft	2.24	.9	35	257.38	-98	+15.7	Microsoft	2.24	.9	35	257.38	-98	+15.7	
IntPap	2.05	3.3	25	62.23	-96	+25.2	Microsof	2.24	.9	35	257.38	-98	+15.7	Microsof	2.24	.9	35	257.38	-98	+15.7	
MGM Rsts	.01	...	...	42.10	-14	+33.6	NatGrid	3.09	4.7	...	65.47	-29	+10.9	NatGrid	3.09	4.7	...	65.47	-29	+10.9	
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Torchlight	1843248	5.99	+18.1				Orphazym n	16.21	+6.16	+61.3		Alzamend n	10.35	-3.15	-23.3		UWM HI n	9.78	-0.9	-9.3	
Orphazym n	1676403	16.21	+61.3				KindredBio	9.23	+2.89	+45.6		FusionPh n	9.23	+2.89	+45.6		FusionPh n	9.23	+2.89	+45.6	
ApreaTh	1396631	5.38	+10.9				Anavex rs	21.06	+3.72	+21.5		ParatekPh	8.99	-1.24	-14.0		ParatekPh	8.99	-1.24	-14.0	
Contxtlog n	987035	11.09	-1.6				OptheaUtd n	10.35	+1.75	+20.4		Yumamit s	13.20	-1.82	-12.1		Yumamit s	13.20	-1.82	-12.1	
Apple Inc s	916251	130.15	-6.5				Torchlight	5.99	+9.2	+18.1		QuickLg	6.50	-8.80	-11.0		QuickLg	6.50	-8.80	-11.0	
CloverHlth n	399345	12.95	-6.4				AppliedUV n	10.60	+1.57	+17.4		Intellia	79.24	-9.41	-10.6		Intellia	79.24	-9.41	-10.6	
Workhrs rs	382305	14.90	+5.3				Altimm	16.46	+2.33	+16.5		PetcoHl A n	22.85	-2.56	-10.9		PetcoHl A n	22.85	-2.56	-10.9	
KindredBio	349877	9.23	+45.6				Acrimot h	14.84	+2.08	+16.3		PropSol n	15.18	-1.63	-9.7		PropSol n	15.18	-1.63	-9.7	
DrakTrkn	298331	48.11	+6				PowerCycl n	28.80	+3.92	+15.8		TuSmpl A n	50.28	-5.25	-9.5		TuSmpl A n	50.28	-5.25	-9.5	
AMD	294600	80.81	-6				LoopInd	11.61	+1.39	+13.6		WrapTc	8.50	-8.89	-9.5		WrapTc	8.50	-8.89	-9.5	

Bold stocks changed more than 5% in price and are worth \$5 or more. Underlined stocks are the 50 most active.

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### BARBARA BERNARD

Oh, to have been in Cuba before Castro

**M**Y UNCLE FRANK was a drummer with Charlie Barnet's orchestra, and one of the "gigs" - they weren't called "gigs" back then - was in pre-Castro-era Cuba.

Those were the days when, before Fidel Castro came to power, to Frank and just everyone I know who visited Cuba then thought it was an island paradise. The climate was the best ever with hot days just perfect for the beautiful beaches, traditional siesta times to fortify one's body and adjust attitudes for evenings of dancing, entertainment and exquisite food.

Although some tourists still wanted American food, many of those vacationing there planned to absorb the culture completely. They ate the native food, shopped in exquisite stores and fell into Cuban lifestyle's dancing until the wee hours of the morning, recuperating on the smooth sand of the beaches, swimming in the crystal-clear ocean and then back to siesta time to begin all over again.

This was before the days of Filgencio Batista and Fidel Castro, both of whom changed many things which accounted for the tremendous influx of Cubans to Florida, fleeing their homeland. Many arrived safely, but some were lost as they tried to make their way here in makeshift boats.

The island has had a fascinating political history. Castro's rise to power dates back to the early 1950s when he was thrown into prison in 1953 following an attempt to overthrow the Batista government.

In order to restore some loyalty and affection from the people, Batista promised to release some prisoners, and

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## CHICOPEE

# 'He never lost his zest for the parks'

Softball field at Szot Park renamed in honor of retired superintendent Stanley Walczak

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**F**or years his heart has been with softball field 1 at Szot Park and now Stanley Walczak's name is there as well. City officials, friends and family gathered last Thursday to officially name the field in honor of the retired Parks and Recreation superintendent who has also served on the City Council for the past six years.

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STANLEY WALCZAK

"I spent a lot of time here as a player, umpire, coach and superintendent. It's near and dear to my heart," Walczak said.

Walczak retired in 2013 after working for the Parks and Recreation Department for 35 years, 20 of it as superintendent. Two years later he returned to serve the city where he has lived most of his life and was elected to the City Council in Ward 9.

The dedication came just a month after Walczak announced he will not run for reelection this year so he can travel and do other things.

The idea to name the field for Walczak came from the Parks Commission, whose members felt Walczak's

hard work on all the many parks and cemeteries should be honored. Because he spent so much time on that softball diamond, it seemed to be the perfect way to recognize him, said Elizabeth Montemagni, a commission member.

The commission has been talking about naming the diamond for him for at least six years but faced multiple delays, including the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

"He never lost his zest for the parks. He would attend many of our meetings even after he retired," said Maureen Buxton, a commission member.

Walczak, who grew up in



Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, right, hands retired Parks and Recreation superintendent Stanley Walczak a proclamation naming the softball field behind him in his honor.

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Chicopee playing baseball, started playing softball when he was in his early 20s. He later ended up serving as an umpire and a coach for multiple teams. When his daughter Marissa was at St. Stanislaus School, he coached her softball and basketball teams from the first through eighth grades.

During the ceremony, he

thanked his wife Candice Walczak and his daughter. He also said without the hard work of his fellow employees in the Parks and Recreation Department and the support of city officials and state representatives the parks never would have been upgraded as they were over the years.

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Springfield Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood speaks during a ceremony honoring the late Springfield Police Officer Kevin Ambrose, pictured above, who was lost his life in the line of duty in 2012.



## Tragic events underscore dangers faced by police

**E**ACH YEAR ON June 4, the Springfield Police Department remembers our friend and fellow police officer Kevin Ambrose, who we lost in the line of duty in 2012. He was shot and killed protecting and, ultimately, saving a mother and her child that day nine years ago.

We held a very nice memorial ceremony for Kevin, and much of his family came as well as numerous retired and current officers.

Later that day tragic news started rolling in across the commonwealth. We lost a colleague in the Worcester Police Department, officer Manny Familia who died while attempting to save a drowning 14-year-old. They both sadly lost their lives. This is just another example of a police officer putting their life on the line for the community members they serve.

One of our new narcotics detectives was roommates with Manny at an extended training session and got to know him well. He has nothing but positive things to say about officer Familia. We sent a strong contin-

gent of officers to Manny's funeral to not only show our support, but also send our love to his family, friends and colleagues.

This same day, two Braintree police officers were shot and a K9 was killed while responding to a domestic dispute. Kevin Ambrose was killed responding to the same type of call, a domestic dispute. This is why we always say there is no such thing as a routine call.

I met with Mayor Domenic Sarno and City Council president Marcus Williams recently and had a productive conversation about

several topics, including my letter to the Massachusetts Senior Action Council.

The Springfield Police Department has made great strides in recent years as we seek to become a more modern and progressive agency that is in line with the best practices expected by our public. I also want to acknowledge publicly that what happened to Delano Walker was a terrible tragedy, and I cannot imagine the pain his family still suffers.

Today, all sworn officers and supervisors in the department, approximately 500, wear body-worn cam-



### CHERYL CLAPPROOD

eras on duty. One year ago this month we implemented this program and have since recorded more than 13,000 hours of video.

The program is a major step towards transparency and accountability. It is also believed to be the only program launched in the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, and our federal Department of Justice liaison has called it a "model program."

There are not a lot of police departments our size that have a full body-worn camera program and has detectives, narcotics officers and task force members wearing cameras. We have seen the good far outweigh the bad. These videos have recorded life-saving actions, cleared officers of alleged wrong-doing both publicly and privately and, in one instance of more than 13,000 hours of video,

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## SPRINGFIELD

# Senator names essay contest winner

Springfield Central High School's La'Tasia Love was recently named the winner of state Sen. Eric P. Lesser's annual high school essay contest.

Love finished first with her essay "Alternative Programs to Gang Membership for Young People." Rory DiVenuto, of Ludlow High School, took second place with his essay "Curriculum



LA'TASIA LOVE

Diversity to Improve Civic Discourse," and Daphne Muhammed, of Hampden County Charter School of Science East, finished third with her essay "Maternal Mortality."

COVID-19 turned much of the 2020-2021 academic year into one of remote learning.

In a letter to high school principals, Lesser — a Longmeadow Democrat who represents nine communities in the 1st Hampden and Hampshire District — invited his high school constituents to write 300 to 500 words about their experiences during the pandemic and an issue that needs to be addressed.

"In a time where it feels like everything is changing all at once, it's important to gauge the up-and-coming issues and see how the pandemic has

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# Help adults with intellectual disabilities travel safely

**T**HIS PAST YEAR HAS been long and difficult for all of us because of COVID-19, but it's been especially scary, confusing, and lonely for many people living with Intellectual Disabilities (ID). Now that summer is here and more and more people are vaccinated, it is not surprising that adults with ID, just like the rest of us, are eager to get out and see the family members and friends they have not been in physical contact with for so long.

We all have a renewed appreciation for the ability to travel freely to see loved ones, or the luxury of spending time at our favorite vacation spots. Having a vaccine has helped diminish the fear of traveling in the United States during COVID-19. Even so, all of us, including adults with ID, should still be cautious about travel plans because there is not a sufficient percentage of the population vaccinated to end the pandemic.

If you are vaccinated, it is less likely that you will become seriously ill or spread the coronavirus. If you are not vaccinated, it is of the upmost importance that you know the COVID-19 test requirements before or after you travel because it is more likely you could contract and spread this dangerous virus. According to a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst, people with ID are more likely to contract and die from the coronavirus than the general population.


Even if you are fully vaccinated, you will still need to know what the local, state, and federal rules are for the places you plan to visit.

If you are traveling with an individual with ID, it is important to go over all the expectations before you head out. That's because it is hard for some adults with ID to switch gears and be open to unexpected changes to rules or schedules. For example, it may be fine to not wear a mask when walking around outside, but everyone still needs to wear masks on any form of public transportation. When in doubt, wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance. This will not hurt anyone, and it reduces the risk of illness for you and the people around you.

Many individuals, including many adults with ID, have medical conditions that make travel risky. People with conditions such as obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, weakened immune systems, and cancer are at high risk of serious illness or death if they contract COVID-19. It may be best for these individuals to stay home for now, especially if they are unvaccinated. If you must travel, it is a good idea to talk with your doctor about other steps to take to keep yourself and others safe.

When you pack your bags, make sure you have clean masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes. This preparation is important because you will need these items any time you ride on public transportation, stay in a hotel, eat at a restaurant, or use a public bathroom. Make using these items a part of the routine again if these have stopped being an immediate priority because of the current ease in COVID-19 restrictions.

Some adults with ID struggle with wearing a mask. If this is the case, it may be best to arrange for them to use private transportation to get to their destinations. If wearing a mask for long periods of time is hard, plan frequent mask breaks and choose



## MARGARET WALSH

masks that are relatively comfortable.

Adults with ID can travel safely, especially if they are vaccinated, but it is important to have realistic travel plans that take into consideration the reality of COVID-19. With a little education and some creative planning, a vacation with friends and family is possible and a welcome sign of hope and gradual return to normality.

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## HOMETOWN NOTES

### SPRINGFIELD

#### Astronomy fun

The Springfield Museums present a new, free online astronomy experience: AstroQuest Online, the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:15 p.m., via ZOOM.

AstroQuest features a question-and-answer segment on a topic in astronomy as well as a virtual tour of the night sky. Guest appearances and photographs from local amateur astronomers highlighting recent observations will also be featured. The museums' monthly Stars of Springfield program will resume with in-person events in September.

Register in advance online at [springfieldmuseums.org/program/astroquest-online-06-15-2021/](https://springfieldmuseums.org/program/astroquest-online-06-15-2021/)

Questions and suggestions for topics are welcome and can be sent by email to [planetarium@SpringfieldMuseums.org](mailto:planetarium@SpringfieldMuseums.org).



Valedictorian Suvin Sundararajan addresses the audience, above. Below, class of 2021 president Nina Prenosil leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



## WESTFIELD

### Graduation ceremony

Class marshals Aleksandra Hitchcock and Gianna Flordalice lead the seniors into the commencement ceremony during the Westfield High School graduation on Bullens Field June 4. The class salutatorian was Trent Stucenski and the valedictorian was Suvin Sundararajan. The class president was Nina Prenosil, who was also awarded the Bronze Tablet. Other officers include vice president Elizabeth Regnier, secretary Kylie Liptak, treasurer Ellen Jury, historian Abigail Daley and class advisors Carrie Salzer and Robert Coe. See more photos of the graduation ceremony online at [Masslive.com](https://www.masslive.com). (FREDERICK GORE PHOTOS)



Ariana Ciaschini and Ashley Kellogg show off their decorated caps, above. At right, Catherine Morrissey waves to the crowd.

## Walczak

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The dedication event was appropriately scheduled just before Chicopee High School took on Comprehensive High school in girls' softball. Mayor John L. Vieau read a proclamation and State Rep. Joseph Wagner and State Sen. Eric Lesser also congratulated him. Former mayor Richard J. Kos attended the event along with multiple other City Councilors, School Committee members and other city employees.

Many people talked about Walczak's work to get multiple grants which led to at least nine parks across the city receiving major upgrades. Vieau specifically pointed out the restoration of the historic Szot Park fountain.

"I want to thank you for your leadership and for your work on behalf of all our families," Lesser said, adding he also appreciated Walczak's friendship.

Wagner said he worked for Walczak in the Parks and Recreation Department. "That was a great privilege."

He also talked about how Walczak, who earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree from Springfield College in parks management, was able to stay in the city where he grew up. He honored that opportunity by always serving Chicopee well.

"I think that's a really cool thing," he said.

## SPRINGFIELD

### Dakin Thrift shop plans to re-open June 26

Dakin Humane Society will re-open its thrift shop, Home Again - the Shop at Dakin, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning June 26, according to Executive Director Carmine DiCenso.

The shop, at 171 Union St., was temporarily closed in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. A dedicated team of volunteers has continued to maintain the shop's inventory during the shutdown, and has managed two online shopping sites featuring thrift store items. All revenue generated by thrift store sales benefits the animals in Dakin's care as well as its community programs.

"We owe a great deal to our all-volunteer thrift team," said DiCenso. "Their hard work keeping the thrift store going has enabled us to help a lot of animals in our community remain healthy and with the people that love them. We're really glad to be able to start welcoming back shoppers each Saturday who will be able to purchase reasonably-priced items, toys, and gifts for pets and people."

Home Again - the Shop at Dakin sells items in new or gently used condition. Among the most popular items are dog crates, pet bowls, cat carriers and scratching posts, household cleansers and products, children's toys, and pet coats. The thrift shop is not accepting donations from the public at this time, DiCenso noted, as there are many items available for sale now.

Several of these items are also available on Ebay at <https://ebay.to/3w7rjw6> or on Shopify at <http://bit.ly/HomeAgainDakin>

All purchases must be made with cash, debit or credit cards. No personal checks will be accepted. All sales are final.

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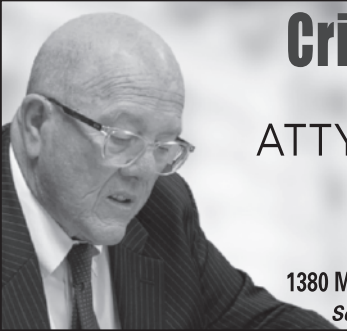
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SPRINGFIELD

3 receive scholarship honors

By Mary Ellen Lowney  
Special to The Republican

Three local students – one Springfield Housing Authority resident and the other two sons of an SHA employee — have won scholarships for higher learning from the Massachusetts branch of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

The \$5,000 scholarships for the upcoming academic year have been awarded to Darryl Green, an SHA resident, and brothers Cory and Elliott Thompson, whose father is a foreman at SHA. The three will be recognized at a September luncheon hosted by the association.

SHA Executive Director Denise R. Jordan congratulated the three men, wishing them the best as they move forward in their lives.

“This is such great news for Darryl Green, who is a great student and learner, and for Cory and Elliott Thompson, who are starting a new chapter of their lives,” Jordan said.

Green is a non-traditional student at Westfield State University, studying to be a social worker. A resident at SHA’s Patrick Harrigan Apartments, this is his second MassNAHRO scholarship.

The Thompson brothers, who are twins, are graduating this spring at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. Both are excited about heading to college, and grateful for the funds which will help them to get started.

Their parents are David and Lisa Thompson.

Cory Thompson will attend the University of Massachusetts in September, with a major in computer science.



Cory and Elliott Thompson with their father David, who is a foreman for the Springfield Housing Authority.



Darryl Green won his second scholarship from MassNAHRO.

“Ultimately, I want to be a video game programmer or developer, as video games have been a large part of my life, and I would love to be able to provide something to the next generation that could give them what I was able to have,” Cory said.

He added that he is happy to have the scholarship, which will offset the cost of his higher learning.

“This scholarship means very much to me, as it will help support me through a

piece of my college journey, and let me come out of it with less stress and debt in four years,” he said.

His brother Elliott is also heading off to UMass.

Like his twin, Elliott will also major in computer science, and with similar goals.

“My career goals are to enter into a programming field for either video games or robotics, Elliott said.

“I feel that in either of these fields I could make a substantial impact on the world. With video games, I could allow for people worldwide to take a break from the daily stress of life and immerse themselves in a whole other world within the games. With robotics, I could help to advance the technology in order to aid in the military, with the defense of our country, or even in high danger situations, such as bomb defusal, where a person’s life would be in danger should they be the one defusing rather than a robot,” he added.

To Elliott, the scholarship is a culmination of hard work

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Chicopee’s story of ‘Old Muddy’

IN APRIL, CHICOPEE officials kicked off the Abbey Brook restoration project in Szoť Park. The cost of the work will be determined once engineering studies are completed, but it is estimated it will be less than \$10 million.

The city is starting a three-year project that will change the look of Szoť Park, eliminating a potential safety hazard to the community’s electrical system and improving the water quality for the Chicopee River and Abbey Brook.

The city has already received a \$300,000 federal grant administered through the state Department of Environmental Protection, along with no-cost engineering and permitting assistance, also from the state.

Four years ago the state Department of Conservation and Recreation’s office of dam safety inspected the lower dam, which is closest to Front Street, and determined it was in poor condition and in danger of being breached during a major storm. In The Republican’s news story, a state official was quoted as saying of the dam, “No one is exactly sure when it was built.”

The next morning I was picking up a French bread at Bernardino’s Bakery on Exchange Street when a man I don’t know urged me to write the story of what he called the “Old Muddy.”

The next day I received a nice note from Murielle Banas, urging me to shed some light on the subject. And, another reader wondered what the city spent all that money on and missed the biggest local news story of the 1950s.

In 1953, Chicopee’s new mayor supported the the municipal Park Commission’s plan to hire a distinguished group of consultants to prepare extensive plans for the city’s largest park. The ambitious proposals ran into political trouble with the city’s legislative body, and the mayor was forced to compromise. In 1954, the city had only one small outdoor swimming pool.

Phase One of the project was approved. Work began on a bathing beach and skating facility for Bemis Pond. The project depended on the available technology of the 1950s and underestimated the environmental impact of new housing construction adjacent to springs and streams that fed the Bemis watershed.

By damming the lake the flow of water was controlled, and a chlorinator was installed at the dam to provide clean and protected water for the pool without the necessity for excessive chlorination in the large pond area. Water quality would quickly become a scientific and political issue.

I wasn’t much of a fisherman. Several of my friends in the eighth grade at St. Stanislaus School who had grown up in the Szoť Park



First-day swimmers at Bemis Pond. (COURTESY JOANNE ZASKEY)



STEPHEN JENDRYSIK  
CHICOPEE HISTORY

neighborhood were dubious about the water quality and the pond’s muddy bottom. My favorite observation was how many of us believed that the water smelled funny.

The project was completed. The early summer weather was ideal, and a huge opening-day crowd packed the beachfront. Newspaper stories trumpeted the opening day’s activities. The event was planned and carried out by the Park Department with a considerable amount of hoopla, including radio and television coverage.

Mayor Walter J. Trybulski and the park commissioners were very proud of their new facility. Unfortunately, from the outset, the young swimmers reported the water was muddy. Comments by the mayor’s political opponents began to appear in the letters-to-the-editor columns of local newspapers.

In mid-August Hurricane

Diane and torrential rains struck the region. The ill-conceived project would suffer a fatal blow.

On the evening of Aug. 17, 1955, when the rain began to fall, most residents of Western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut were grateful for a respite from the parching heat that had seared New England from the start of the summer. The rain, unfortunately, continued almost steadily for more than two days. Frequently the rain fell with an intensity unheard of in these parts.

At 6 in the morning on Aug. 19, I was standing on my front porch, watching a river flow down our driveway. That summer I was 15 years and was helping Stanley Pirog deliver milk for Pirog’s Dairy.

The company was part of a milk co-operative called Dairy Centre which was located on Riverdale Street in West Springfield. My mother told me she didn’t think that Mr. Pirog would be delivering milk that day.

A few minutes later, a blue-and-white Dairy Centre truck drove up our flooded street. Water was pouring through the low doors of the truck. Mr. Pirog assured my mother that the bridge to West Springfield was open, and he planned to deliver his route. Before my mom could say no, I was in

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Essay

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shaped the thinking of students in our area,” said Lesser. “Our high school students are the perfect example of what it means to be the future generation with their fingers on the pulse of current events, and I hope this opportunity has encouraged them into wanting to take action and make a difference within their communities.”

Love’s winning essay is printed below:

“How much longer will I stay up worrying about hearing gunshots in the middle of the night, getting closer and closer to my street. How much longer will I fear that the next person who gets killed will be my brother because he fits “the average black male” profile. How much longer will I have to pray that my other brother stays locked up so that the next person I see dead on the news isn’t him. Sometimes on social media, I see kids throwing up gang signs like it’s cute like the lifestyle is so cool when in reality, a gang member’s life expectancy has decreased to 20 years old. Modern rappers talk about drugs and gangs like it’s all normal and required to be famous or “up there.” Gang violence isn’t a joke

and it never has been. It’s like every generation of black males get drawn to it, and it’s not a game. Being in a gang means watching your back 24/7 to make sure you aren’t the next one killed. It means constantly hiding from the cops as if you’re a fugitive. Getting involved in gang activity means you’ll never truly be free from it. It’s not like they can wake up one day and decide, “I don’t wanna live like this anymore,” and leave. Once they get out and try to start a new life, their involvement follows them everywhere; their past, always there to haunt them. Not only does it affect the member involved in the gang, but it destroys families. Your younger sibling, who looks up to you as their biggest hero and role model, suddenly wonders where you are. The answer is either locked up, hiding or dead. Being in a gang means seeing the people you love get killed while you’re behind bars, not being able to do anything about it. We always say that the number 1 culprit of black deaths is police brutality, but in reality, it’s black-on-black crimes committed by your fellow black brothers and sisters. All that being said, how do we put an end to all of this? To all of the constant shootings and mourning mothers. To the friends of

the deceased who can’t even go to their funerals because they’re hiding or in jail?

We do better as a community for the upcoming youth.

We don’t fail the “class clowns” or students who are visibly struggling. We don’t call them delinquents or problem kids at such a young age. We don’t tell kids they won’t amount to anything or that they’re destined for failure. Instead, we nurture their potential. We fund more programs for young black youth. We build actual relationships rather than immediately deeming them as “bad,” and we show kids what joining a gang actually is. One simple word of encouragement to a student can turn their whole life around. One “I’m proud of you” rather than giving harsh consequences to “set an example” can do so much good in their lives.

So I say to you again, how much longer?

How much longer will we categorize kids on a “good and bad” spectrum. How much longer will we doubt them so that they’ll never see their full potential. How much longer will we continue to crush their spirits, so they turn to gangs, not noticing that it’s killing them in the long run.

How much longer?”  
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JUST FOLKS

■ Area students who graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam on May 22 include **Calandra Damouras**, of Belchertown, who graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in music performance, and **Emily Huff**, of Monson, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in community health and psychology.

■ **Ashley Genza**, of Wilbraham, graduated from the New York Institute of Technology’s Physician Assistant Studies program during its annual white coat ceremony on May 19.

■ **Nancy Lewonchuk**, of Southwick, was recently initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire.

■ **Traevon Malakai Martin**, of Springfield, earned a bachelor’s degree in neuroscience from the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania during the commencement ceremony on May 23.

■ Area students honored during the Nichols College commencement ceremony on May 15 include **Jonathan Janosz**, of Palmer, and **Megan Gardner**, of Deerfield, both of whom received awards for outstanding achievement in liberal studies for criminal justice.

■ Students inducted into Union College’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa include: **Tawreak Gamble-Edgington**, of Springfield; and **Tyler Greenwood**, of Easthampton.

■ Students inducted into the Massachusetts chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the national college athlete honor society, at Lasell University include: **Sydney Brady**, of Westfield; **Mitchell Bolton**, of Belchertown; and **Brandon Hapgood**, of Wilbraham.

■ **Kayla A. Raleigh**, of East Longmeadow, graduated May 14 from Western New England University magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in health science with a double minor in psychology and chemistry. During her time at Western New England University, she earned a cumulative grade-point average of a 3.73.

■ Students who graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, in May include: **Michael Edward Mieczkowski**, of Hadley, who received a bachelor’s degree with a distinction in civil engineering; **Kevin William Campbell**, of Westfield, who received a master’s degree in electrical engineering; and **Anna Pirogova**, of Westfield, who received a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

■ Students named to the spring dean’s list at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio include: **Jacob Curran**, of Westfield; **Joshua Curran**, of Westfield; **Andrew Demos**, of Hampden; and **Jeffrey Proulx**, of Wilbraham.

■ Students who graduated from Cedarville University include **Gabrielle Longe**, of Monson, who earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology; and **Jeffrey Proulx**, of Wilbraham, who earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

■ Area students who graduated from the University of Alabama include: **Olivia Cavanaugh**, of Holyoke, who received a bachelor’s degree in commerce and business administration; **Jillian Coelho**, of Granby, who received a bachelor’s degree in education; **Jackson Saul**, of Amherst, who received a master’s degree in fine arts; and **Emily Wojcik**, of Wilbraham, who received a bachelor’s degree in commerce and business administration.

■ **Liviana Mupanda**, of Amherst, was named to the spring dean’s list at Georgia State University.

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CHESTER

Chester High reunion planned

Chester High School may no longer exist, but its alumni will be coming home to Chester this year for the 118th annual reunion on Aug. 28.

The meeting is traditionally held in June but was postponed based on the uncertainty created by COVID-19.

“We had to cancel last year’s meeting entirely,” noted association president Walter Boomsma. “The board agreed unanimously that it was important we try to restart the tradition in some form this year.”

The meeting draws a large group of people associated with the former Chester High School, including town residents who graduated from Gateway Regional High School after Chester High closed in the late 1960s.

This year’s festivities begin with a social hour at 1 p.m. at the Chester Railroad Depot and continue informally throughout the entire weekend as “Blue Devils” and “Quarriers” wander around town visiting old friends and relatives.

The association’s annual business meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Chester High has traditions dating back well over 100 years, but the association has no members from that long ago! Among the many mysteries every year are questions like, “Who will be the oldest member?” and “Who will come from the farthest away?” In the midst of all the reminiscing, prizes are awarded for the first local and first out-of-state reservation.

All classes will be honored, especially the 50-year class of 1971 and 25-year class of 1996.

Notes Boomsma, “It really is like a homecoming. Some can’t resist sitting on the church corner for a while and many tour the area to visit the places that were an important part of their lives.” Boomsma said the association enjoys the support of organizations like the Chester Foundation and Chester Historical Society.

Reunion invitations will be mailed to association members in July. “The reunion is not limited to graduates of Chester High. Anyone with a connection to Chester is certainly welcomed to join us for socializing and reminiscing. This is really a town event,” Boomsma added.

The Association maintains a blog at <http://chesterhigh.wordpress.com> and a Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Chester-High-School](https://www.facebook.com/Chester-High-School) where alumni can gather information and post comments.



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Class of 2021 celebration

Several hundred visitors gathered at Bullens Field for the 110th commencement of Westfield Technical Academy. Some 135 seniors graduated. Officers of the Class of 2021 include Evan Ploof, president; Jessica Bush, vice president; and Elizabeth Beshara, treasurer. Salutatorian is Jessica Bush and valedictorian is Jackson Lambert. Above left, Alexis Cusson joins Alexiea Budreau for a selfie in the senior staging area. Above right, Alejandra Noel and LeeAnn Doherty pose for pictures. At left, Samuel MacMunn shows off his decorated graduation cap. See more photos online at [Masslive.com](https://www.masslive.com). (FREDERICK GORE PHOTOS)

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throughout his years as a student.

“This scholarship means a lot to me. It is a part of the materialization of my hard work throughout my high school career, and the effort that I put in on a daily basis. It is the culmination of the drive to do better and improve that my twin brother Cory and I have instilled in each other over the course of our academic careers,” Elliott said.

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Elliott Thompson

Their parents, David and Lisa, said in a joint statement, “We are very proud of our boys and all of their accomplishments. We feel very good about what a bright future they have ahead of themselves. They have accepted and conquered every challenge that has come their way and then there’s the fact that they really like school.

“We can’t believe how fast the years have gone by.”

Of the scholarship, they added, “Hopefully this will give notice to others who don’t know about this scholarship. This is a wonderful blessing to families applying for college realizing what an enormous expense college can be. Thanks to SHA and thanks to MassNAHRO.”

Jennifer Polito, Director of Professional Development and Finance at MassNAHRO, congratulated the scholarship recipients.

She said the MassNAHRO Past President’s Scholarship fund gave out \$40,000 this year to 14 students. It’s a one-time payment, however, they can apply up to twice in a four-year period. Residents, employees and direct family of an employee and/or the commissioner are eligible.

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showed an officer’s potential wrong-doings. Our Police Department flagged it and reported it to the district attorney’s office which decided to move forward with criminal charges.

We are embarking on an important endeavor to keep students safe. By this fall, the Springfield Public Schools will be one of the safest in the country. Our Real-Time Analysis Center crime analysts will be able to tap into to the schools’ cameras when there is a public safety emergency.

We have been having conversations with the School Department about this type of initiative for several years. After the Parkland, Florida, school shooting in 2018, there were numerous threats on social media about school shootings in Springfield, which led to 10 arrests or criminal complaints of those responsible. It was during this time the conversations really amped up leading to this agreement.

Since the Sandy Hook, Connecticut, shootings in 2012 there have been more than 200 school shootings across the country, leading to more than

400 people shot and more than 140 killed. More than a dozen of those have been mass shootings, four or more individuals shot in the same incident.

Our goal is to make the Springfield Public Schools one of the safest in the country, and this partnership advances that mission.

I understand the concerns about privacy or online surveillance. We currently don’t have direct access to the cameras and will not allow online patrols. If our officers need to respond to a school for a shooting or serious assault they really do not know the layout of the school. This will allow our crime analysts to tap into to the system in real-time to direct and assist our officers to get to the right spot in the shortest amount of time to protect anyone who may be in danger. Ultimately, this partnership is to help save children, teachers, administrators, staff and officers from the unimaginable.

I’d like to introduce our three newest canines, K9 Alcatraz, K9 Phoenix and K9 Yogi, and wish our three retired K9s, Hunter, Hades and Blek enjoyable retirements. We also have a new member of our K9 unit in training, a black Labrador that will be able to

track and locate missing people. More to come on this next month.

Happy Father’s Day to all those Dads out there. Many Springfield police officers, women and men, have followed in their fathers’ footsteps to become police officers. I’m sure many of those fathers tried to push their children into a less dangerous line of work, but I am pleased with all our women and men who wanted to pursue this challenging career. I know they are making their fathers proud.

Finally, I’d like to congratulate Gladys Oyola-Lopez on becoming the new city clerk. Gladys has done a tremendous job in the Election Office and was wonderful wearing in our latest group of officers during their academy. I can’t wait to work with her in her new position.

*Cheryl C. Clapprood is police commissioner for the city of Springfield. Her column appears monthly.*

*Editor’s note: Information on the Springfield Police Department’s community calendar is available on the department’s website, [springfield-ma.gov/police](https://springfield-ma.gov/police), and Facebook page, [Facebook.com/SpringfieldPoliceDeptMA](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldPoliceDeptMA).*

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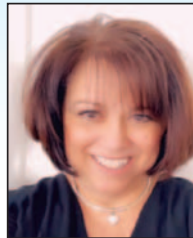
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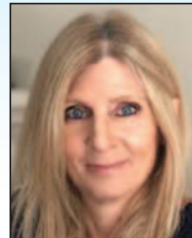
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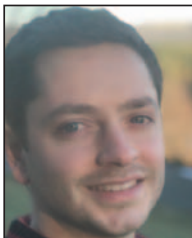
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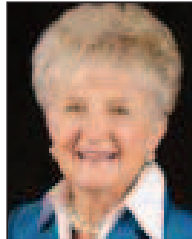
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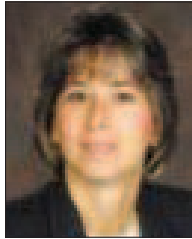
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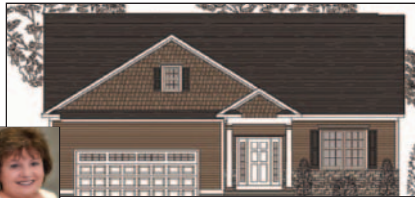


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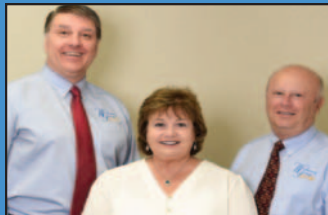
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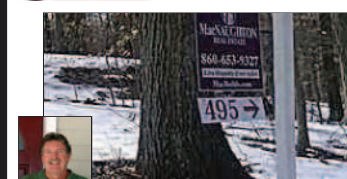


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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Time needed for ‘normal’ to sink in

ON MAY 29, GOV. CHARLIE BAKER LIFTED ALL industry COVID-19 restrictions. He said at the time, “Today marks an important milestone in our fight against COVID-19 here in the commonwealth. Over the last 15 months, the residents of Massachusetts have shown an incredible amount of strength and resiliency, and we are pleased to take this step forward towards a return to normal.”

On March 10, 2020 there were 114,000 confirmed world-wide cases of COVID-19 and 91 in Massachusetts. On that day, Gov. Baker declared a state of emergency, allowing state and federal resources to be directed at precautionary measures “to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread” of the emerging pandemic.

On Tuesday, 462 days later, June 15, the state of emergency was lifted.

The pandemic left more than 17,000 Massachusetts residents dead. And it’s not over yet. With more than 56% of Massachusetts residents fully vaccinated, we seem to be over the worst of it.

But getting back to what many describe as “normal” will take some time, patience and effort.

Reports indicate experts feel returning to a normal life comes with worry, anxiety and uncertainty. For instance, some people returning to the workplace after a long stretch of working from the dining room table may find the transition stressful or nerve-wracking. Questions may arise such as: Is it OK to shake hands? Or, should I still wear a mask even if others are not? Experts say remaining cautious is a good idea as a good number of people are still not vaccinated.

We also have been protecting ourselves from others and protecting others from ourselves for 15 months. For over a year people have looked at others as potential spreaders of the virus. Experts say it will take some time to develop a sense of trust not only in others, but in government, the workplace, shop owners, anyone in which we come in contact.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends lifting COVID restrictions for people who are fully vaccinated. “If you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing the things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic,” said CDC Director Rochelle Walensky. “We have all longed for this moment.”

Yes, most of us have been patiently waiting, following guidelines, doing the right thing, longing for the moment we can get back to “normal.” Now that we’re just about there individuals may still feel a certain anxiety on what normal really means.

Flipping the switch won’t get us there.

For many people, it’s going to take time, patience and effort.

EDITORIAL

Fireworks best kept with pros

THE PANDEMIC HAS SHUTTERED MANY municipal fireworks displays this year so many residents are likely to create small, local displays.

Fireworks in the hands of people who aren’t professionals, especially children, can easily result in tragedy, from physical injuries to fires.

Dr. Gerald Beltran, chief of pre-hospital disaster medicine, emergency and trauma center at Baystate Medical Center, warns in 2019, 10,000 fireworks injuries were treated at U.S. Hospitals. Dr. Beltan says fireworks can cause serious burns, blinding, amputation of fingers and can lead to lifelong disabilities – even death. “What can be especially troubling to me is adults who put fireworks into the hands of children and do not carefully monitor them. Accidents can occur and these types of events are completely preventable,” Dr. Beltran said,

Fireworks have been a long-term problem in the Bay State. While fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts, they are legal in New Hampshire and Vermont. State Police and the state fire marshal have recently combined forces with local police and fire departments to intercept illegal fireworks and prosecute those who bring them into the state.

Last year there was a huge increase in residential complaints due to fireworks. In Boston, calls about illegal firework displays rose from 1,504 in 2019 to over 21,000 in 2020. In Springfield, last year, authorities received about 3,500 complaints.

“There will be supervised displays this year unlike last year, so we encourage you to leave the fireworks to the professionals,” said fire marshal Peter Ostroskey. “Fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. Fires started by fireworks in Massachusetts increased 180% in 2020 from 2019.”

The fire marshal is correct. Springfield, Greenfield and East Longmeadow are planning vibrant firework displays over the holiday. So, keep yourself and others out of harm’s way. Take a drive with the family to see a real professional display.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wasted government funds has to end

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Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos speaks at the the Amazon re:MARS convention in Las Vegas. The price to rocket into space next month with Bezos and his brother is a cool \$28 million. That was the winning bid during a live online auction on June 12. (ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

some people in office who truly care about the taxpayers. Next year’s tax rate, at worst, should stay the same. At best, all taxpayers should see a one-time reduction in their taxes.

The mayor only applied \$2 million to reduce the tax rate, yet is going to spend around \$10 million to take down the dam in Szot park that has been there for over 50 years.

Apparently, the current mayor has no idea on how to make up a sensible budget. Chicopee now has a diverse population and we now need a diverse city council with new ideas, not the same old “spend with excuses.”

J. BIGOS  
Chicopee

Nuclear weapons race must end

I don’t know if nuclear first strike capability is possible.

We need to determine if an arms race with Russia could lead to our annihilation; and if so, we need to have both countries agree to a freeze on new nuclear weapons. There should of course be immediate inspection of any suspected nuclear weapon sites. If Russia doesn’t agree to this, we need to have tougher sanctions than we do at present.

ALVIN BLAKE  
Chicopee

by sharing their like-beliefs and work from there.

Then, just maybe, some legislation will be passed.

MARILYN ISHLER  
South Hadley

On COVID, follow the science

This is in response to the June 6 Sunday Republican letter to the editor, “COVID shoe will drop soon.”

The writer seems to feel the drop in COVID cases and hospital admissions is because spring ends the cold and flu season. Last spring covid admissions and deaths continued to rise. Cases continued at high levels prior to the experimental vaccines. Those that had an adverse reaction, experienced a day or two of illness. Deaths reported were a fraction of a percent of those that died of the disease. The FDA, the CDC, and Dr. Anthony Fauci have all recommended getting vaccinated.

Since COVID cases have fallen with vaccine distribution and surged where they have not, all signs show the vaccines saves lives. When it comes to saving lives, I prefer being called gullible for following medical science and positive results than for following political hypocrites.

FDA allowance without approval, puts the vaccines with the monoclonal antibodies and the other drugs President Donald Trump and the other elites received when they contacted COVID. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy sent a letter to Speaker Nance Pelosi saying 75% of congress are or will be vaccinated. Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Lindsey Graham, who played down the pandemic received the vaccine.

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Republicans are afraid of American history

WHY HAS “CRITICAL race theory,” an obscure academic term of uncertain meaning (especially to those who vilify it), risen as a top target in the GOP’s culture wars? It is not new, nor is it controversial.

Education Week explains: “The core idea is that racism is a social construct, and that it is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies.” Think of the War on Drugs or the disparate sentencing guidelines between crimes involving crack and powder cocaine. These were not the result of one racist legislator; they are the legacy of mass incarceration that disproportionately harmed Black men and wreaked havoc on Black communities. Whether it is redlining or environmental discrimination (e.g., putting polluting factories in Black neighborhoods), critical race theory recognizes that race reverberates through decades, insinuating itself into seemingly neutral institutions.

So what’s the problem? There isn’t one. But somewhere between the New York Times’s 1619 Project and the MAGA addiction to race-baiting, critical race theory became code for anti-White racism or even anti-Americanism. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., bizarrely tweeted last week that it was “Marxist inspired.”

Given that MAGA provocateurs do not have a firm grasp of the concept, it is hardly surprising that laws “banning” critical race theory in schools are nonsensical and hope-

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lessly vague, leaving it anyone’s guess as to what is banned. That’s the point, one can infer.

At one level, such legislation is simply part of a pattern of scaring White people, leading them to believe they are “losing” their country and that something foreign - accurate history! - is being imposed on them by elites. But at another level, it is even more disturbing. Caterwauling about critical race theory is designed to intimidate teachers from presenting students with an holistic, accurate account of U.S. history. The aversion to truth-telling, as many learned during the



Estephanie Ward, 29 of Flint, Michigan, stands alongside other Black Lives Matter supporters waving the flag through the wind as protesters demonstrate in this file photo. (JAKE MAY / MLIVE.COM)

commemoration of the anti-Black massacre in Tulsa, leads to historical ignorance and lack of empathy. That historical amnesia is the goal of MAGA critics.

Robert Jones, chief executive of the Public Religion Research Institute and author of “White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity,” explains, “White Christian opposition to ‘critical race theory’ is an attempt to protect a counterfactual myth of white innocence.” The Southern Baptist Convention, an evangelical denomination at the heart of MAGA support, went so far as to declare last year that critical race theory was “incompatible” with the denomination’s faith. This is simply one more instance of religious conservatives attempting to deny the role evangelical churches played in institutionalizing racism - the same thing an accurate telling of history unmasks.

White supremacy depends on the conviction that White people are victims, not oppressors. Therefore, any attempt to upset the status quo and seek racial justice is alien, radical and dangerous. That’s the essence of the MAGA movement (Make America Great Again) and at the heart of its obsession with the noxious idea of “replacement” fearmongering.

President Joe Biden’s remarks in Tulsa, Okla., this month went to the heart of the insidious nature of historical denial. “Just because history is silent, it doesn’t mean that it did not take place,” he said. “And while darkness can hide much, it erases nothing. It erases nothing.” He added, “Some injustices are so heinous, so horrific, so grievous they can’t be buried, no matter how hard people try. . . . Only with truth can come healing and justice and repair.”

That is true, but the mission of Biden’s opponents is to create a false history and prevent empathy and understanding, much less address historic wrong and embedded racism. So they throw temper tantrums about some scary-sounding racial framework. Through the “big lie” about the 2020 election and educational censorship, MAGA troops seek to create the modern equivalent of the Lost Cause. They produce a narrative that protects them from history, truth and responsibility for their own conduct. We saw it plainly as Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., said in March that he had no reason to fear violent White insurrectionists the way he does Black Lives Matter protesters.

Biden had it right when he counseled, “We can’t just choose to learn what we want to know and not what we should know. We should know the good, the bad, everything. That’s what great nations do: They come to terms with their dark sides. And we’re a great nation.” But not if the MAGA crowd have anything to do with it.

ROSS DOUTHAT | NEW YORK TIMES

How Joe Manchin can fix the filibuster

IT’S EASY TO SYMPATHIZE with the liberal desire to bury the Senate filibuster forever. The 60-vote threshold for Senate legislation is a choke point in a political system defined by gridlock, sclerosis and futility. It provides an excuse for policy abdication, encouraging the legislative branch to cede authority to the presidency and the courts, and the Republican Party to decline to have a policy agenda at all. Its history is checkered, its pervasive use is a novelty of polarization, and its eventual disappearance seems inevitable — so why not adapt now?

At the same time, it’s also easy to see why Joe Manchin, a Democratic senator from a conservative state, might have some doubts about his party’s confident filibuster-busting ambitions.

Listen to Manchin’s fellow Democrats talk about their political position and the constitutional structures impeding them, and you would be forgiven for thinking that they have been winning commanding majorities for years, of the sort enjoyed by Franklin Roosevelt or Lyndon Johnson, while being thwarted again and again by a much smaller reactionary faction.

But in reality the Democrats have a relatively thin majority, opposed by a very large minority. The national presidential vote in 2020 was roughly 51% to 47%; the national vote for the House of Representatives was about 51% to 48%. These are clear victories, but not the margins of a transformative majority.

Four years earlier, in the 2016 election that Democrats invoke as a case study in the thwarting of the public will, Republicans actually won the popular vote for the House, and in the presidential election the combined vote for Donald Trump and the Libertarian Party edged out Hillary Clinton’s support, even with Jill Stein’s votes thrown in. Trump was certainly a counter-majoritarian president, but there was no clear mandate for the Democrats in ’16, let alone a sweeping one.

Combine this reality with the anxiety that’s radicalizing conservatives, the sense that America’s nonpolitical institutions are increasingly arrayed against

them, and you can make sense of Manchin’s filibuster stance. The 60-vote threshold is a curb on his own party’s overstated sense of its own popularity; it protects Democrats from acting more aggressively than their narrow majorities would justify. It is also a curb against further conservative radicalization, reassuring the right that even if liberalism controls the commanding heights of American culture, it can’t legislate all its preferences without buy-in from the GOP.

Since those radicalizing conservatives include many of Manchin’s own constituents, you can see how the two ideas inform his own self-understanding. Maybe abolishing the filibuster would eventually lead to Democratic senators from Puerto Rico or Washington, D.C. But in the short term it might make the prospects of the few remaining red-state Democratic senators even dimmer than today.

But there is a half measure available that Manchin should consider as an alternative to abolition: weakening the filibuster by taking its threshold to 55 votes instead of 60.

As a practical matter a 55-vote threshold puts a lot of things that the West Virginia senator favors more in play — from the gun-control measure he hashed out with Pat Toomey in the Obama years to infrastructure spending and the Jan. 6 commission in this presidency — while still throwing up a strong impediment to ideological legislating. It gives the kind of Republicans he’s most inclined to work with more power in the Senate, without creating a situation where activists can expect moderate Democrats to constantly join 51-49 votes. It adapts the filibuster in a reasonable way to our age of heightened polarization, maintaining protections for the minority, while making some deals that used to be possible available again.

Maybe there’s a middle ground. In a country so large, diverse and deeply divided, a system that encourages the two parties to aim for 55% instead of 51%, whether in the Senate or on the presidential hustings, might work against polarization and toward consensus without expecting our divisions to magically disappear.

PAUL WALDMAN | WASHINGTON POST

Where the domestic terror threat really comes from

WHEN HE ANNOUNCED the creation of an administration-wide strategy to combat the increasing threat of domestic terrorism on Tuesday, Attorney General Merrick Garland took pains to reassure his audience that the effort will not be about particular ideas or parties.

“We are focused on violence, not on ideology,” Garland said. “There is no place for partisanship in the enforcement of the law.”

Which is true, and the proper thing for the attorney general to stress. That leaves it to opinion columnists to point out not just that the current threat comes primarily from the right, but that the political choices made by key Republican figures have made that threat far greater than it might otherwise have been.

It’s not that the administration is denying where the problem is; Garland noted that today the primary elevated threat comes from people who “espouse the superiority of the white race” and anti-government militias. And he said: “To diffuse the underlying causes of domestic terrorist attacks, we must promote a society that is tolerant of our differences.”

But let’s not beat around the bush. The heightened domestic terrorism threat has its roots in the rise of Donald Trump, the election of President Biden and the reaction of the Republican Party to the idea that it might lose elections in the future.

The election of a Democratic president always produces a right-wing backlash with a violent fringe. But this time is particularly dangerous, and we have long known that if Trump lost, the result could be a real increase in far-right violence.

This was predictable because Trump attacked the American system of democracy itself. Running through his rhetoric was the implication that democracy was not something to which anyone owed loyalty; the only question was whether your side won. If it didn’t, the system was irredeemably corrupted.

If you believed him - and

then watched him lose - it would not be a stretch to decide, if you were already vulnerable to that kind of thinking, that violence is a reasonable response to what had occurred. That’s not even to mention the way the Trump era saw the president himself, and so many of his prominent supporters, celebrating violence against political opponents.

What we couldn’t have predicted was how aggressively the Republican Party would execute its own attack on the democratic political system. It has spent months validating and encouraging conspiracy theories about the election; some of its elected officials even make excuses for the attack on the Capitol. Meanwhile, they have mounted their own assault on democracy through an unprecedented wave of state-level voter suppression laws.

What can a new domestic terrorism strategy do about what has now been unleashed?

The administration’s strategy has four main elements. The first is improving information-sharing on domestic terrorism between federal, state and local law enforcement. The second is promoting “resilience” to the sources of terrorism by helping localities, communities and government agencies such as the Defense Department identify and ameliorate the conditions that give rise to extremism.

The third is beefing up the government’s focus on domestic terrorism, with increased funding for this task given to the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and others. The fourth is a somewhat vaguely defined effort to “address the long-term issues that contribute to domestic terrorism,” as Garland said, including economic inequality and the proliferation of guns.

In other words, it sounds a lot like We’ll do what we’ve been doing, but more so. Which isn’t a bad thing; solving problems often involves not dramatic new ideas but making existing systems work the way they’re supposed to.

But the administration’s efforts will have to battle against forces exerting influ-

ence through Congress, state capitols and the media.

It’s not that Republicans are trying to push anyone over the edge to violent extremism. But they share the belief that democracy is not worth defending if at any point it allows liberals to win elections or policy debates, and that should that eventuality come to pass, the proper course of action is to dismantle the system.

The only difference is whether you think that should be done through the system itself, by passing laws that make it harder to vote and allow your party to seize control of the apparatus of election administration, or through violent insurrection. In theory, a potential terrorist could look at the GOP’s recent actions and conclude that they’re doing a pretty good job of things, so violence is unnecessary.

But that’s probably too optimistic, given how far the party is spreading the idea that democracy is always conditional and deserves your support as a system only if it never produces an outcome you dislike.

Extremism is always born of desperation, and when a party builds its support on rage and resentment, it will focus on “problems” without easy policy solutions (or any at all). Driving that desperation is the fact that while Trump may have given tax cuts to the wealthy and deregulation to corporations, he couldn’t give his most ardent supporters what they sought.

Immigrants are still here, and more continue to come. Gay couples are still on TV. Mores about sexuality and identity continue to grow more progressive. Consumer brands pander to young people whose fashion and music and ideas some people find confusing and alienating. Trump couldn’t “Make America Great Again,” not in the way they wanted. The past five years have only magnified everything his supporters hated about this country.

There’s no way to tell where this all leads, or how successful the Biden administration’s anti-terrorism efforts will be. But this threat is going to be with us for some time to come.



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Jobs plan expands disability services

PRESIDENT JOE Biden unveiled a proposal called the American Jobs Plan, a \$400 billion bill to expand Medicaid home and community-based services.

The purpose is for Americans to receive long-term services that support the need to be independent. It will also generate new job opportunities and provide raises with stronger benefits for caregivers.

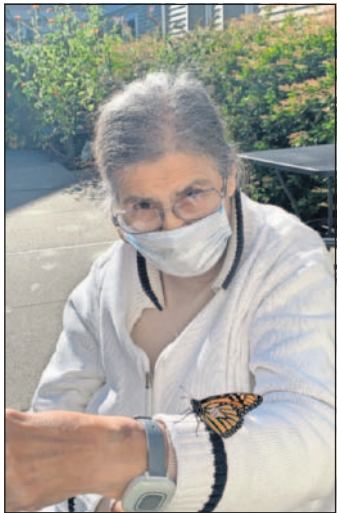
The proposal will also improve transportation while repairing schools and federal facilities. The plan funding will occur over eight years and be paid for by corporate tax increases. U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., said, “With this \$400 billion in the American Job Plan, we can help people receive the care, comfort and healing they deserve in their own homes, while building our nation’s long care system back better than it ever was before. And then we can focus our efforts on the systemic reforms necessary for HCBS and long-term care under legislation like the HCBS Access Act.”

The American Jobs Plan will also expand access to competitive employment for people with disabilities and discontinue subminimum wage.

Many advocates are pleased to see the president planning for better access to home and community-based services. They see this as an increased value to people with disabilities, caregivers and direct support staff.

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EAST LONGMEADOW

Welcoming warm weather

Residents and associates of East Village Place, a senior living community in East Longmeadow, embraced springtime by releasing newly hatched butterflies that they have raised within the community’s certified butterfly garden. In January 2020, residents were asked what plants they would like to grow in the central courtyard of the campus. Administrative assistant Samantha Skiba, who is an avid gardener, shared with them her knowledge of plants that attract butterflies. In March 2020, Skiba and the residents planted milkweed in the courtyard, with hopes to attract monarch butterflies. Since then, the courtyard garden has flourished – now more than five species of butterflies visit the garden regularly. During quarantine, the garden served as a safe, colorful and peaceful place for residents to get fresh air and enjoy their butterfly visitors in the absence of family visits. As word of the garden’s success spread, residents began receiving packages of milkweed seeds from family and friends across the nation. The butterfly garden at East Village Place was registered as a Monarch Waystation in July 2020, earning the community two plaques displayed in each courtyard, and a certificate of participation that is framed in the main lobby. The certified gardens will be where residents and associates release butterflies they raise from eggs, welcoming spring and new life into the community. Pictured above are East Village residents Sandy Colucci, left, and Marie Vartaniani, right.



A section of Front Street collapses after a storm. (COURTESY JOANNE ZASKEY)

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the truck. As our little truck lumbered on to Springfield Street, the Elms College grounds looked like a giant lake. As we headed down Front Street we encountered our first detour. Bemis Pond was pouring across the road making the Chicopee Electric Light Co. parking lot a virtual lake. The Springfield Daily News reported, “The waters of Bemis Pond whipped a furious cataract by the conscienceless storm, charged across the highway, undermining the road. Only the concerted efforts of city employees and Westover airmen prevented the dam from collapsing, sweeping the source

of city’s electric power with it.” Over the course of those three days, more than 30 inches of rain had caused little streams and brooks to swell under the sheer volume of rain. Brooks that a person could usually jump across became raging rivers. Streams that usually meandered calmly through little towns and villages became frightening, destroying life and property. Half-hearted efforts to reopen the Bemis Pond swimming facility quickly failed. All that remained for over a decade was the abandoned bath house. Finally, the Park Department demolished the building. Stephen R. Jendrysik is a Chicopee historian, retired history teacher and author of several books on the city’s history.

Bernard

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Castro was among those who received amnesty in 1955. It was then that Castro left Cuba for a time and united with Ernesto “Che” Guevara, returning in 1956 to begin their “revolution” to take control of the country. With his ever growing loyalists Castro went from Cuban town to town to convince people he and his party were the best for Cuba. By 1959, Batista was gone. Our country chose not to be friendly with Castro and ended diplomatic relations and trade. Castro, in turn, established relationships with Russia. The Bay of Pigs invasion of April 1961 by exiles opposed to Castro proved to be one of biggest fiascos in America’s history. Although the idea was begun by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, when John F. Kennedy became president it became a mandate for him. One-and-a-half-years later the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 almost started a full-scale nuclear war. One thing had been clear, everyone wanted Castro gone. FBI head J. Edgar Hoover felt Castro was the consummate evil. Cubans now living in Florida wanted their homeland and investments back. American business felt the loss of their cheap sugar. The Mafia wanted its Havana casinos and brothels back.

President Kennedy was very impatient. In late 1961, a new CIA initiative known as Operation Mongoose was undertaken with a goal of removing Castro. Over time, the effort became known as Operation Freedom. He sent American intelligence in and, finally, came to the conclusion nothing was going to work except maybe the weird things only mystery book writers thought up. There were stories of cigars being poisoned or laced with LSD and bribing one of Castro’s guards to jab him with a poison pen. I’ve read one account about spraying his diving suit with tuberculo-sis germs. It appears none of those things happened. Fidel Castro was president until 2006, and he was succeeded by his brother, Raul. President Barack Obama took major steps to normalize relationships. I think I would personally have enjoyed Cuba in the days when my uncle played in an orchestra there, although I have several friends who with-in the last few years, before the pandemic hit us, have traveled to Cuba. They say it still has many problems, poverty being the most vivid, but it still has a beautiful climate and terrific potential to return to being one of the world’s outstanding vacation spots. Barbara C. Bernard, of Holyoke, is a columnist for The Republican.

Notes

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Tagless tag sale

The Springfield Rescue Mission will host a “tagless” tag sale at 10 Mill St. on June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. All items – clothing and shoes, hygiene items, miscellaneous household items and more – will be available at no cost. Those who attend are asked to bring their own bags with them to carry items. Parking will be available on a first come, first served basis. Hot dogs, popcorn and refreshments will be served during the event.

AGAWAM

Strawberry luncheon

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills, 47 North West St., will hold a strawberry shortcake “to go” luncheon on Saturday. Pick-up hours will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8. The menu will consist of a hearty sandwich served with homemade macaroni salad and baked beans, with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Also included will be a choice of a cold beverage. Orders can be placed by calling 413-789-2061. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds will benefit Grange activities.

ENFIELD

COVID-19 vaccines

Connecticut’s COVID-19 Vaccination Van will make a stop at Asnuntuck Community College, 170 Elm St., to provide no-cost, walk-up vaccinations beginning tomorrow through June 25. The shots are available to

all members of the public 12 years of age and older without appointment. It is not necessary to have health insurance or a state-issued ID; all residents are welcome and no one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID. The van will be on campus tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and June 21-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLYOKE

Golf tourney

River Valley Counseling Center will hold its sixth annual golf tournament fundraiser on Sept. 10 to 10:30 a.m. at East Mountain Country Club in Westfield. The event is presented by Action Ambulance Service. The cost is \$100 and includes greens fees, cart, gift bag, lunch and dinner. Golfers will also be able to participate in course contests and a raffle. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a 10:30 shotgun start. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit [rvccinc.org/golf](http://rvccinc.org/golf) for more information, and to register or sponsor online.

Theater program

Holyoke Community College and Enchanted Circle Theater are offering an in-person racial justice program this summer for area youth. Called “I Am Somebody,” the four-day, interactive performing arts program will run July 19 through July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon each day in the HCC Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development. Participants will explore racial justice through a variety of creative activities, including writing, music, visual art, movement and theater.

The program is free and limited to 15 participants ages 8 to 11 to be chosen through a lottery planned for June 21. To apply for the “I Am Somebody” program ahead of Monday’s lottery, please email Sharon Grundel at [sgrundel@hcc.edu](mailto:sgrundel@hcc.edu).

WESTFIELD

College for Kids

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education at Westfield State University will host its annual College For Kids program this summer, with week-long courses in a variety of topics for children age 5 to 14 years old. Courses run weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon for four weeks, beginning July 12. In-person courses are limited this year but include offerings in art, acting, magic, photography, and more, with fees ranging between \$125 and \$155 per course. In addition to these in-person offerings, Westfield State has partnered with Black Rocket Productions to offer a variety of online courses including JavaScript Developer Jam, Minecraft Animators, ROBLOX makers, 3D Game

Design with Unity, and more. These week-long online courses include morning and afternoon sessions already under way and ending the week of Aug. 23. For more information or to register, go online to [westfield.ma.edu/cfk](http://westfield.ma.edu/cfk), email [collegeforkids@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:collegeforkids@westfield.ma.edu) or call 413-572-8557.

GREENFIELD

Library fines

Effective immediately, the Greenfield Public Library is officially fine-free. Late fees have not been charged during the pandemic, and the library trustees, in accordance with Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, have decided to continue this policy going forward. The library will be forgiving all historical late fees (not replacement costs) that exist on patrons’ cards for Greenfield Public Library materials. Exceptions to this new policy are museum passes, which have strict lending limits, and materials borrowed from other libraries. The library’s goal is to make access to the library and its materials equitable for all its patrons.

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RULES

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6/17/21	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
3	WFSB News	CBS News	Inside Ed.	People (N)	Sheldon	United-Al	(:01) Mom	B Positive	Clarice “Father Time” (N)	News	Late-Colbert	
4	WBZ News	CBS News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Sheldon	United-Al	(:01) Mom	B Positive	Clarice “Father Time” (N)	News	Late-Colbert	
5	WCVB News	World News	News	Chronicle	Holey Moley	(DVS)	Holey Moley (N)		The Hustler	(DVS)	News	J. Kimmel
7	WHDH News	News	Inside Ed.	Extra (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)		News	Inside Ed.
8	WTNH News	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Holey Moley	(DVS)	Holey Moley (N)		The Hustler	(DVS)	News	J. Kimmel
20	WCCT Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Walker “Trips” (N)		Legacies “A New Hope”		Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
22	WWLP 22 News at 6PM (N)	NBC Nightly News - Holt	2021 U.S. Open Golf Championship First Round. (N)	(Live)					U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming, Finals. (N)	(Live)	22 News at 11PM (N)	Tonight Show
24	WEDH World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)		Cutline: Health Equity		Rick Steves Europe Awaits		Vacation spots in Europe.		Monty Python: Best Bits	
30	WVIT News	NBC News	2021 U.S. Open Golf Championship First Round. (N)	(Live)					Olympic Trials		News	J. Fallon
34	WTXX Hechos	Mi parej	(:01) Desaparecida (N)		Al extremo: Edición		Al extremo		(:01) Difícil de creer		Hechos	Mentes
38	WSBG Two Men	Two Men	Big Bang	Big Bang	Dateline “Tipping Point”		Law Order: CI		WBZ News 10p (N)		Seinfeld	Big Bang
40	WGBG ABC40 at 6pm	ABC World News	Family Feud	Family Feud	Holey Moley “Holey Moley Goes Pro!” (DVS)		Holey Moley The competition heats up. (N)		The Hustler (Season Premiere) (N)	(DVS)	ABC40 at 11pm	Jimmy Kimmel Live!
43	WHTX Noticiero	Noticiero	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Diseñando tu amor (N)		Si nos dejan (N)		La hija del embajador (N)		Noticiero	Noticiero
51	WDMR Noticiero	Noticias	Exatión Estados Unidos (N)	(SS)			La suerte de Loli (N) (SS)		Café con aroma de mujer		Noticiero	Noticias
57	WGBY BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Rick Steves’ Europe		This Old House		Ask This Old House		We’ll Meet Again “Coming Out”		Amanpour and Company (N)	
61	WTIC News at 6pm	Two Men	Big Bang	Big Bang	Beat Shazam (N)		LEGO Masters	(DVS)	FOX 61 News at Ten (N)		News	Mom
67	WSHM CBS 3	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition (N)		People (N)	(:31) United States of AI	(:01) Mom	B Positive	Clarice Clarice punches another FBI agent. (N)		News at 11:00pm	Late Show-Colbert
CW	WWLP Bob’s Burgers	Bob’s Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Walker A search for a missing military veteran.		Legacies MG, Kaleb and Jed go on a mission. (N)		22 News at 10 (N)		Seinfeld	Schitt’s Creek
FOX6	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Beat Shazam “Daddy-Daughter Time” (N)		LEGO Masters “Hero Shot!” (DVS)		News	(:35) People (N)	(:05) Dateline The story of Johnny Hincapie. (N)	
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:01) Nightwatch (N)		(:04) The First 48	
AMC	(5:30) *** “The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift” (2006, Action) Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.				*** “Tombstone” (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.				*** “Tombstone” (1993) Kurt Russell.			
ANPL	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed		“Trouble on the Water” (N)		Louisiana Law		Lone Star Law	
BET	(5:30) *** “A Madea Christmas” (2013) Tyler Perry.				(:05) *** “Enough” (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell, Juliette Lewis.						Payne	
BRV	Below Deck		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Million Dollar Listing New York (N)		Watch What		(:15) *** “Friday” (1995) R	
CNBC	Mad Money (N)		Shepard Smith		Shark Tank		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	(:45) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	Yankers
CSN	College Football From Nov. 19, 2005.				College Football From Nov. 28, 2009.				College Basketball From Jan. 15, 1994.			
CSPN	(3:00) Public Affairs Events						Politics and Public Policy Today					
DIS	Raven	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Gabby	Sydney-Max
DSC	Homestead Rescue: Tools		Homestead Rescue: Tools		Homestead Rescue (Season Premiere) Young homesteaders in Alabama. (N)				Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	
ESPN	SportsCenter (N)		NBA	(:40) NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.			NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.					
ESPN2	Daily Wager (N) (Live)		NFL Live		UEFA Euro	Monster	Professional Fighters				SportsCenter (N)	
EWTV	EWTV News	Vaticano	Daily Mass		The World Over “News”		EWTV News	Holy Rosary	Pro-Life	Defend Life	Real	Women of
FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Restaurant: Impossible (N)				Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FNC	Special Report		FOX News PrimeTime (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity (N) (Live)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Gutfeld	
FREEFRM	*** “Shrek Forever After” (2010) Voices of Mike Myers.				*** “Cast Away” (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy.						The 700 Club	
FX	(5:30) *** “The Purge: Election Year” (2016)				*** “Us” (2019, Horror) Lupita Nyong’o, Winston Duke.				*** “Us” (2019) Lupita Nyong’o.			
FXM	(5:50) *** “Snatched” (2017)		(:40) *** “Little” (2019, Comedy) Regina Hall, Issa Rae.						(9:55) *** “Little” (2019) Regina Hall, Issa Rae.			
HALL	“Paris, Wine & Romance” (2019) Jen Lilley.				“The Baker’s Son” (2021) Brant Daugherty.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	Good Bones		Good Bones		Hot Mess House		Christina on the Coast (N)		Hunters	Hunters Int’l	Happily	Hunters Int’l
HIST	Mnt. Men	Mountain Men	“Coyote Showdown”		Mountain Men “River Disaster” (N)		(:33) Alone “Chewed Up” (N)				(:05) Mountain Men	
INSP	Cheyenne		GunsMoke	GunsMoke	Mountain Men		The Virginian “The Golden Door”		GunsMoke		GunsMoke	
LIFE	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Married at First Sight (N)		(:03) Rizzoli & Isles		(:03) Rizzoli & Isles	
MSNBC	The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N)		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour	
MTV	Jersey Shore–Vacation		Jersey Shore–Vacation		Jersey Shore–Vacation		Jersey Shore–Vacation		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
NATG	Ramsay: Uncharted		Ramsay: Uncharted		Ramsay: Uncharted		Ramsay: Uncharted		Breaking	Breaking	Ramsay: Uncharted	
NBCSB	Early Edition (N)		Celtics	Celtics	Felger & Mazz		American Ninja Warrior		Boston Sports		Boston Sports	
NBCSN	NASCAR	U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming.			U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming. (N) (Live)				American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior	
NESN	Dining	Minor League Baseball	Lehigh Valley IronPigs at Worcester Red Sox. (N) (Live)		Red Sox		NESN After Hours (N)		NESN After Hours (N)		NESN After Hours (N)	
NICK	Loud House	Loud House	Unfiltered	TBA	iCarly “iStill Psycho”		TBA	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	*** “Jack Reacher” (2012, Action) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike.				*** “I, Robot” (2004) Will Smith.					
SYFY	*** “John Wick” (2014) Keanu Reeves.		(DVS)		*** “John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum” (2019) Keanu Reeves.		(DVS)				(10:57) *** “Hunter Killer”	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Cube (N)		The Cube		Conan (N)	The Cube
TCM	(5:15) *** “Sunrise at Campobello” (1960, Biography) Ralph Bellamy, Greer Garson, Hume Cronyn.				*** “The Young Savages” (1961) Burt Lancaster. An assistant district attorney probes a gang slaying.				*** “Crime in the Streets” (1956) John Cassavetes, James Whitmore.		*** “13 West Street” R	
TLC	(5:00) My 600-Lb. Life		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb. Life Isaac learns to take care of himself.		Family by the Ton			
TNT	Bones		Bones		*** “The Accountant” (2016) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick.		(DVS)		*** “American Sniper” (2014) (DVS)			
TOON	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Gumball	Apple	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRV	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		True Paranormal		Paranormal Ca.	
TRUTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Inside Jokes	Big Trick	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TVLAND	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
UNI	Noticiero	Noticiero	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Diseñando tu amor (N)		Si nos dejan (N)		La hija del embajador (N)		Noticiero	Noticiero
USA	Law & Order: SVU		NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at TBA. (N Same-day Tape)				NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at TBA. (N) (Live)					
VH1	(5:00) *** “Peeples” (2013)		*** “The Nutty Professor” (1996) Eddie Murphy.		*** “Coming to America” (1988) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall.				Boomerang			
WE	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Kristen the Pole. (N)		Double	Murderer
ENCORE	(5:27) *** “Greed” (2019)		(:15) *** “Groundhog Day” (1993) Bill Murray.		*** “Charlie’s Angels” (2019) Bryden Stewart.				*** “So I Married-My Her			
HBO	*** “Matchstick Men” (2003) Nicolas Cage. ‘PG-13’				*** “Kajillionaire” (2020) ‘R’		(:45) *** “Oslo” (2021) Ruth Wilson. ‘NR’				(:45) Betty	
HBO2	*** “Cold Creek Manor” (2003) Dennis Quaid. ‘R’				*** “Norbit” (2007) Eddie Murphy. ‘PG-13’		(:45) *** “Speed” (1994) Keanu Reeves. ‘R’				Point Break	
MAX	(:11) *** “Misery” (1990) James Caan. ‘R’				*** “Hitman” (2007) Timothy Olyphant.		(:35) *** “The Transporter” (2002) (DVS)		(:09) *** “Wall Street” R			
MAX2	“Talented-Ripley”		(6:54) *** “Lucy in the Sky” (2019) Natalie Portman. ‘R’		*** “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” (2011) ‘PG-13’				(:04) *** “People Like Us”			
SHOW	(:15) *** “Sleepless in Seattle” (1993) Tom Hanks.		“Belushi” (2020) John Landis. ‘NR’						*** “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” R		*** Road Trip	
SHOW2	(5:45) “Dreamland” (2019) ‘R’		“Sacred” (2020) Barbara Crampton.		*** “Django Unchained” (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx. ‘R’						*** Moonlight	
TMC	(:15) *** “The Adjustment Bureau” (2011) Matt Damon.		*** “Source Code” (2011) ‘PG-13’		(:35) *** “Universal Soldier” (1992) ‘R’						*** RoboCop	



# Food & Dining



**Wine Press:** Six wines worth splurging on to celebrate Father’s Day on Sunday, see **Page E8** in Weekend.

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**ELIZABETH ROMÁN**  
*INSIDE SCOOP*

## Brave Robot offers creamy nondairy ‘ice cream’

**“I’m happy to report that the texture of this ice cream is very creamy. I actually ate it straight out of the freezer without any melting time and found it to be smooth and easy to scoop.”**

**I** DON’T OFTEN TRY nondairy ice cream options because by its very name this is a treat that is best when it features milk or cream. However, I know many of my readers have allergies to dairy products or live a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle, but

would still like to partake in the joys of ice cream, especially as the summer months arrive. For the next few weeks I will be sampling a few dairy-free options, specifically ones I’ve already seen reviews of and are considered good or even great options.

We start with Brave Robot. I had actually never heard of the brand, but the name and the packaging won over my Star Trek-loving heart. Here we have an “ice cream” treat that contains no dairy, but also no other animal products, making it vegan. There were about five flavors to choose from, but I opted to start with PB ’N Fudge because you all know how I feel about chocolate, peanut butter and ice cream combined.

SEE **ICE CREAM**, PAGE D2



Brave Robot offers animal free, dairy free frozen desserts.  
(ELIZABETH ROMAN PHOTO)

# Want to make juicy grilled chicken? *Add yogurt!*

**BY MELISSA CLARK**  
New York Times

**T**his garlicky, herby chicken is full-flavored and very tender, thanks to its piquant yogurt marinade. It’s flexible, too — marinate the meat for as little as a couple of hours, or as long as overnight. And the chicken is just as good cooked under the broiler as it is on the grill. You can serve this dish with almost anything, but it’s especially nice with pita or other flatbread and a big cucumber and tomato salad. And if you’re looking to substitute chicken breasts for the thighs, you can. Just watch them carefully; they’re likely to cook faster than the dark meat



Grilled Za’atar Chicken with Garlic Yogurt and Cilantro.  
(RYAN LIEBE/THE NEW YORK TIMES)

### GRILLED ZA’ATAR CHICKEN WITH GARLIC YOGURT AND CILANTRO

Makes 4 to 6 servings

**6 garlic cloves, finely grated, pressed or minced**  
**2 lemons, zested**  
**1 cup plain whole-milk yogurt**  
**¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus additional sprigs for garnish**  
**3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, more for serving**

**1½ tablespoons za’atar, more for serving**  
**1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or marjoram, plus additional sprigs for garnish**  
**1¼ teaspoons salt**  
**¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**  
**2¼ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs**

In a large bowl or container, stir together 5 of the grated garlic cloves, half the lemon zest, ½ cup yogurt, the cilantro, oil, za’atar, oregano or marjoram, salt and black pepper. Add chicken and toss until well coated. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to cook, light the grill to medium or heat your broiler with the rack 3 inches from the heat source. Remove chicken from bowl, shaking off any excess marinade, and grill or broil on one side until charred in spots, 5 to 8 minutes. Flip the chicken and grill or broil for another 5 to 8 minutes, until just cooked through.

While the chicken is cooking, place remaining ¾ cup yogurt in a small bowl. Stir in the reserve grated garlic clove and lemon zest, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cut one zested lemon in half and set aside for serving (save the other zested lemon for another use).

To serve, place chicken on a serving platter and drizzle with olive oil and a large squeeze of the zested lemon. Top with cilantro and oregano or marjoram sprigs and serve with yogurt sauce.

Tip: If you’re broiling instead of grilling, you can line your sheet pan with foil for easier clean up. Don’t use parchment paper; it may burn.

## A dish made for summer days

This broccoli and bacon salad is creamy, salty and nutty

**BY ANN MALONEY**  
The Washington Post

When you were a child, were you one of those little ones who only ate your vegetables with glee when they were served au gratin – smothered in cream and cheese? This creamy broccoli salad made me feel like that kid again.



Creamy Broccoli and Bacon Salad. (SCOTT SUCHMAN / THE WASHINGTON POST)

We happily ate it as a main dish on a warm evening because each forkful delivered the raw broccoli, yes, but with lots of goodies along for the ride.

The salad would be a suitable side dish to serve or bring for your next grilling party, too.

Creamy salads made with mayonnaise can be too oily. I

made my dressing with a big helping of plain yogurt (you can use full- or low-fat) and just a touch of mayonnaise. Shredded sharp white cheddar cheese adds creaminess, too, while the red onion gives the dish a peppery bite. It gets tanginess from a splash of apple cider vinegar and a touch of sweetness from honey.

Chopped walnuts and raw sunflower seeds add flavor and protein, but you could substitute any of your favorite nuts or seeds.

The bacon is delicious, but, frankly, not essential. There’s plenty of fat and flavor without it.

If you use it, stir some into the salad, but reserve a portion for another use.

SEE **SALAD**, PAGE D2



Rhubarb Upside-Down Cornmeal Cake.  
(SCOTT SUCHMAN / WASHINGTON POST)

## Rhubarb shines in upside-down cake

Tartness makes it great in desserts, lending balance to sweetness

**BY AARON HUTCHERSON**  
The Washington Post

Rhubarb was a mystery to me up until a couple of years ago. While I’d of course heard of chefs and home cooks alike fawning over the spring vegetable, I’d never really understood it’s appeal. The few instances I might have tried rhubarb, it was almost certainly paired with straw-

berries in a supporting role. But after trying rhubarb on its own, I was awakened to its star power.

Rhubarb’s pleasant tartness is what makes it great in desserts, lending balance to a recipe’s sweetness. Hitting farmers markets and grocery stores in late spring, rhubarb comes in stalks ranging from

SEE **RHUBARB**, PAGE D2





Brave Robot offers animal free, dairy free frozen desserts. (ELIZABETH ROMAN PHOTO)

Ice cream

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This pint features a vanilla base with a peanut butter swirl and fudge ripples. Let’s start with the base. I’m happy to report that the texture of this ice cream is very creamy. I actually ate it straight out of the freezer without any melting time and found it to be smooth and easy to scoop. I can’t really say I tasted the vanilla because the peanut butter is really overpowering in this one. There is a very generous peanut butter swirl, but the peanut butter is definitely on the sweet and creamy side while I prefer a bit of saltiness in my peanut butter. As for the fudge ripples, I had to dig around for them a little, but when I found them they were tasty and added a nice chocolate flavor to the treat. I waited to see if I would get a chemical aftertaste and am happy to report that I didn’t experi-

ence that with this flavor. Overall, I really enjoyed this and give it four scoops. The facts are these: This is not ice cream. Real ice cream featuring things like cream or milk or egg yolks can never be replaced by a nondairy alternative, but that doesn’t make this offering bad, it’s just different.

If you go into it comparing it to traditional ice cream, I think you’ll be disappointed, but if you’re looking for a cold, creamy, flavorful dessert, than this can definitely do the trick.

A serving of this dessert is 340 calories and includes 22 grams of fat, 240 milligrams of salt and 25 grams of sugar. This is not meant to be a healthy treat, just a vegan one.

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Rhubarb

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soft, pale green to deep crimson red. While red rhubarb is most often what you see in glossy food photos, it’s purely for aesthetic reasons, as color isn’t an indication of ripeness or sweetness.

Here, it’s paired with a cardamom-scented cornmeal cake. The cake is a variation on a Dorie Greenspan recipe where I’ve switched up the flavorings to let cardamom’s fragrant warmth mingle with the tartness of the rhubarb.

All upside-down cakes start by putting a layer of whatever fruit or vegetable you desire on top of a mixture of butter and sugar. I opted for a chevron pattern with the rhubarb to make it look extra-fancy, but you can go with any design you want (or chop rhubarb into even pieces and spread it out haphazardly). Next, just whisk together the ingredients for the cake batter, pour it on top of the rhubarb and bake.

The key to a successful upside-down cake is that you need to flip it out of the pan while the cake is still warm. If allowed to cool too much, the sugar on the bottom of the pan will harden, taking the cake hostage.

Rhubarb’s arrival is a sign that summer and warmer days are soon to come, so make this upside-down cornmeal cake to celebrate.

RHUBARB UPSIDE-DOWN CORNMEAL CAKE

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1½ sticks unsalted butter
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 12 ounces rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces (see NOTES)
- 1¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup yellow cornmeal, preferably medium grind
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup well-shaken buttermilk, at room temperature

Position a rack in the middle of the oven and

Let the cake cool in the skillet for 15 minutes before inverting onto a serving platter. You want to do this while the cake is still warm so it does not stick. Let cool for at least 30 minutes or to room temperature before cutting into wedges and serving.

**Notes:** This cake can also be baked in a 9-inch springform or round cake pan with 5 to 10 minutes added to the baking time. Try to purchase rhubarb stalks of similar thickness for easier pattern-making.

Nutrition per serving, based on 10: calories: 346; total fat: 15 g; saturated fat: 9 g; cholesterol: 75 mg; sodium: 159 mg; carbohydrates: 49 g; dietary fiber: 2 g; sugar: 4 g; protein: 4 g

Recipe from staff writer Aaron Hutcherson.

FATHER’S DAY TRIBUTE

Dad’s grilled cheese did more than fill my belly

It taught me how to be a better father

By JJ GOODE  
The Washington Post

Exaltations of parental cuisine usually fall into two camps. There are the paeans to Dad’s gumbo and Mom’s meatballs, the familial table as exhibition of inspirational culinary talent. Then there are the Ruth Reichlian rubber-neckings at kitchen disaster, picked-at plates as incentive for progeny to commandeer skillet and stove.

I’d wager, however, that most people’s experiences land somewhere in the middle. My dad, for instance, has never masterfully grilled steaks, faithfully reproduced intergenerational borscht, or even attempted to execute some triple-twist double-backflip of a dish, beckoning me over from my game of “Mortal Kombat” to taste



Cheese-Crusted Grilled Cheese With Ham and Spicy Honey. (SCOTT SUCHMAN / THE WASHINGTON POST)

his lobster souffle. Nor has anyone winced at the prospect of his cooking, though one

Thanksgiving he did famously serve a turkey whose skin was mahogany and crisp and

whose core was pure poultry Popsicle.

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Salad

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tion to sprinkle on top, so it maintains a bit of crispiness.

If you don’t want to use bacon, but do want something a little smoky, try sprinkling smoked paprika on sliced mushrooms and roasting them on a sheet pan until they lose their moisture and get almost crisp. Then, toss them on top of the salad.

The dressing can be made up to two days ahead. Leftovers can be refrigerated for up to two days. If you’re not planning to eat the entire salad, add the dressing to the portion you plan to eat and store the salad and dressing separately.

CREAMY BROCCOLI AND BACON SALAD

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- For the salad:**
- 5 slices bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 cups (about 12 ounces) broccoli florets, cut into bite-size pieces
- ¾ cup (3 ounces) coarsely shredded white cheddar cheese
- ½ small red onion (about 2 ounces), thinly sliced
- ⅓ cup chopped walnuts, plus more for garnish
- ¼ cup (a generous 1 ounce) raw sunflower seeds

- For the dressing:**
- ¾ cup sour cream or plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

- 2 teaspoons honey
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon fine black pepper, plus more to taste

Line a plate with a tea towel or paper towel and place it near the stove.

In a large skillet over medium heat, add the bacon and cook, stirring occasionally, until crispy, about 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to the prepared plate. Discard the bacon fat or save it for another use.

In a large bowl, toss together half of the bacon, broccoli, cheese, onion, walnuts and sunflower seeds until combined.

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together

the sour cream or yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar, honey, onion powder, garlic powder and pepper until well combined.

Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to combine. Sprinkle the rest of the bacon on top, with more walnuts, if desired. Let the salad stand at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition per serving based on 6 servings: calories: 232; total fat: 17 g; saturated fat: 5 g; cholesterol: 31 mg; sodium: 321 mg; carbohydrates: 10 g; dietary fiber: 25 g; sugar: 5 g; protein: 10 g

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Dad

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A Bronx-born Jew and the most gentle, self-effacing man I’ve ever known, he cooks as defined by his temperament and the limitations set by the mutiny of his gastrointestinal system. He has never cared for pickles, lox or Republican politicians. He is intolerant of both lactose and cigarette smoking. In fact, the only time I’ve ever heard him raise his voice was in a restaurant, when a couple dared to light up at the table next to me and my soccer buddies, though to their credit we were in the smoking section. He can detect a speck of black pepper in a vat of pea soup, and if you’d like a sense of his reaction to said pepper speck, just go to YouTube and type in “Carolina Reaper Challenge.” His Crohn’s disease, so serious it nearly killed him, precluded a vast catalogue of ingredients – most of them green, which sometimes made me wonder whether Mr. Meat and Potatoes had exploited his illness to evade vegetables on doctor’s orders.

While my mom’s cooking was slightly more ambitious in that the food she made - Ashkenazi sweet-and-sour meatballs with golden raisins and puffy homemade pizza - contained several ingredients and involved mild transmogrification, my dad’s manifested a stark simplicity. In his kitchen, many London broils were broiled. So too, unfortunately, were scallops and fish. The vast majority of spices struck him as too spicy, so dinners rarely saw seasonings other than salt or, for a spell, Mrs. Dash, with the notable exception of sugary, sticky things - Saucy Susan, Sweet Baby Ray’s, and kecap manis, a sweet Indonesian soy sauce that represented a rare dalliance with non-Western foodstuffs and could with a drizzle salvage even the most desiccated slab of sea creature.

His muse was the Cornish hen, and he would bake the diminutive birds with thawed orange juice concentrate

Long before I helped chefs write cookbooks for a living, I was particular about the food I ate. For instance, I required that my Celeste brand Zesty 4 Cheese Pizza For One be nuked on the crust-crisping glossy disk that came in the box, despite rumors of its carcinogenic properties.

until it reduced to a syrup. It was quite good. Perhaps his greatest triumph, though, was his exquisite “melted cheese sandwich,” as we called it, since it wasn’t cooked in a pan but rather open-faced under the broiler until the processed dairy product turned molten then erupted to form a single brown, crackly mountain.

Surely it wasn’t easy cooking for a kid who fancied himself a budding gourmand. Long before I helped chefs write cookbooks for a living, I was particular about the food I ate. For instance, I required that my Celeste brand Zesty 4 Cheese Pizza For One be nuked on the crust-crisping glossy disk that came in the box, despite rumors of its carcinogenic properties. Dino



The author JJ Goode at about 7 years old with his dad, Robert Goode, in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. (GOODE FAMILY PHOTO)



Cheese-Crusted Grilled Cheese With Ham and Spicy Honey. (SCOTT SUCHMAN / THE WASHINGTON POST)

Nuggets, I stipulated, must be cooked in the oven, not microwaved, and served with a vast array of condiments stippled onto a separate plate, including a concoction of honey and mustard that I dubbed “honey mustard.” When I crafted Kraft Macaroni & Cheese, I pulled out all the stops, carefully curating the ingredients my dad could use – the ethos of

cheese sandwich. Instead, I’d holler my order from upstairs. Occasionally, after my dad had set aside the William Trevor collection in which he was currently enthralled to make and ferry his punk kid a snack, I would, like an oenophile rejecting a corked bottle of Chateau Margaux, dismiss with a hard look any specimens that weren’t adequately browned,

and still I can barely summon the energy to nuke frozen peas and boil pasta, especially when I could just click them burgers and fries from Shake Shack.

Whenever I hear yet another request for “a big, cold glass of milk” from a child who is more than capable of pouring himself one, I think about the time my dad got home late from work, because for the third week in a row someone had stolen the battery from his elderly Volkswagen Rabbit. I don’t know what frustrations, disappointments and fears occupied his mind as he drove home over the George Washington Bridge from his office at City College. But I do know that I was happy he was home safe and that I was hungry for one of his signature melted cheese sandwiches.

If ever there was a time for a firm “no,” this was it, but he made the thing and left me to my “90210,” allowing me to immerse myself in the tribulations of Brenda and

Dylan but disregard his. As an adult, I came to understand this as an act of generosity, then later, as a parent myself, as one of self-preservation as well. Not only did he leave me to bask in the obliviousness of childhood, he also melted that cheese for the same reason I gamely pour my son his third glass of milk instead of getting all “here’s what you must understand, son” about it. Sometimes keeping the peace lets you enjoy the quiet.

**The sandwich**

Look for a soft rye for this sandwich, but you can also use white bread or whole wheat. If you prefer, make it with all cheddar cheese or all American. You’ll want thin, square slices of cheese that cover at least three-quarters of the bread’s surface, so buy cheese that’s already sliced or get it freshly sliced from the deli. Depending on how big your slices of ham are, they might only hang over two edges or not hang out at all. If you can’t find Calabrian chiles, Bomba Calabrese works great, as would most chile things, such as sambal oelek. Or go savory with a little pesto on the side.

**CHEESE-CRUSTED GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH WITH HAM AND SPICY HONEY**

Makes 4 servings

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 8 slices (about 6 ounces) sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 slices soft rye bread
- 8 slices (about 4 ounces) American cheese
- 8 slices (about 5 ounces) thinly sliced ham
- ¼ cup honey, optional
- 1 tablespoon crushed Calabrian chiles in oil, or more to taste, optional

Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 200 degrees. You’re going to make the sandwiches one at a time, transfer them to a large, rimmed baking sheet and keep them warm in the

oven.

In a well-seasoned cast-iron or nonstick skillet over medium-low heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter until it bubbles. Add two slices of cheddar cheese side by side, then add a slice of the bread on top of each one. (If slicing the cheddar into thinner strips from a block, make sure that the cheese covers about three-quarters of the bread’s surface.)

Add a slice of American cheese to each slice of bread, then add two of the ham slices to one of the bread slices so that the ham hangs 2 inches or so over the edges. Cook until the bottom of the bread slices are brown and crisped, about 2 minutes.

Slide a thin spatula underneath and carefully flip the ham-less slice onto the ham-heavy one. Continue cooking, flipping the sandwich occasionally, until the cheese on the inside has melted, the cheese on the outside has formed a crisp crust, and the ham has slightly browned at the edges, 3 to 4 minutes more.

Transfer the sandwich to a large, rimmed baking sheet and place in the oven to stay warm while you repeat to make the remaining sandwiches. (As you make the sandwiches, you may find you need a bit less butter due to the residual butter left in the pan.)

In a small bowl, stir together honey and the chiles. Serve the sandwiches with the chile honey for dipping or drizzling.

Nutrition per sandwich: calories: 576; total Fat: 38 g; saturated fat: 22 g; cholesterol: 118 mg; sodium: 1288 mg; carbohydrates: 27 g; dietary fiber: 3 g; sugar: 2 g; protein: 28 g

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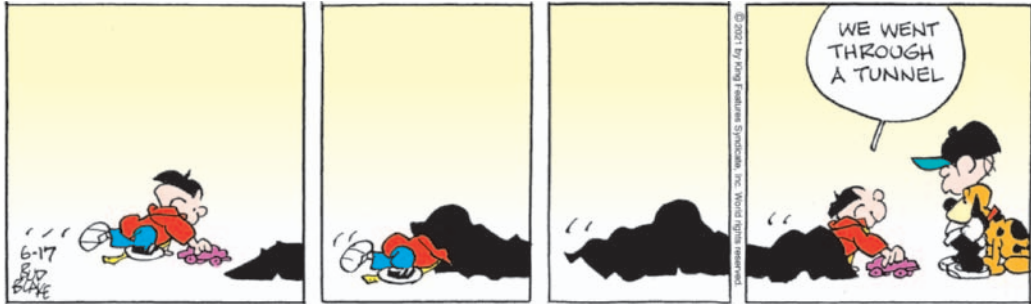
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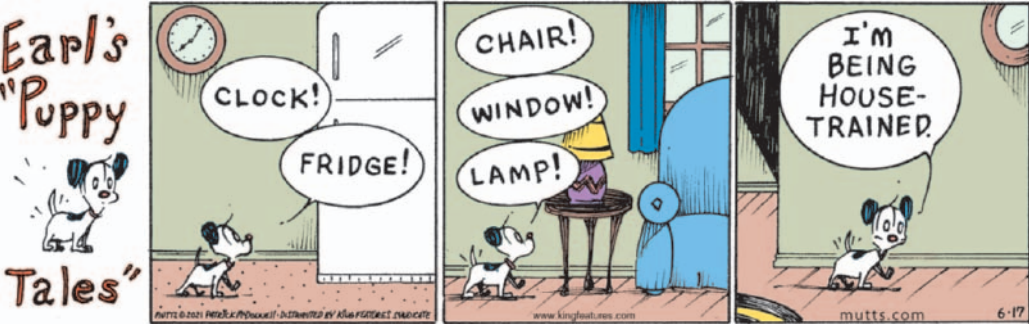
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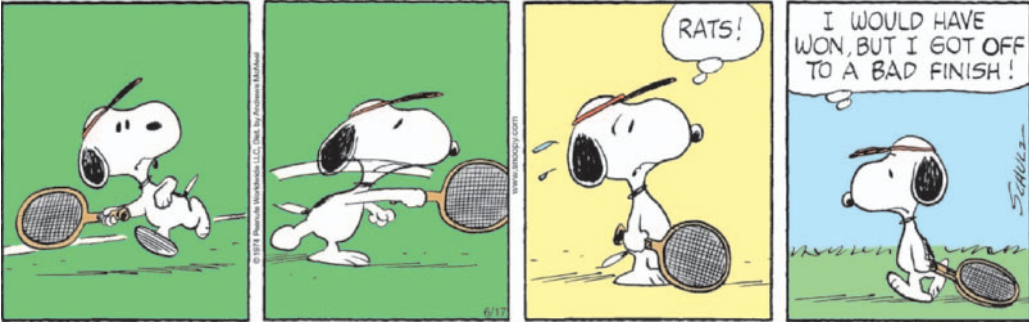
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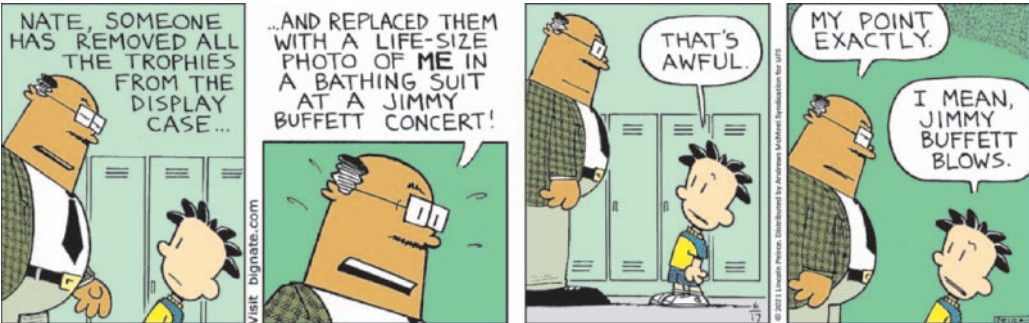
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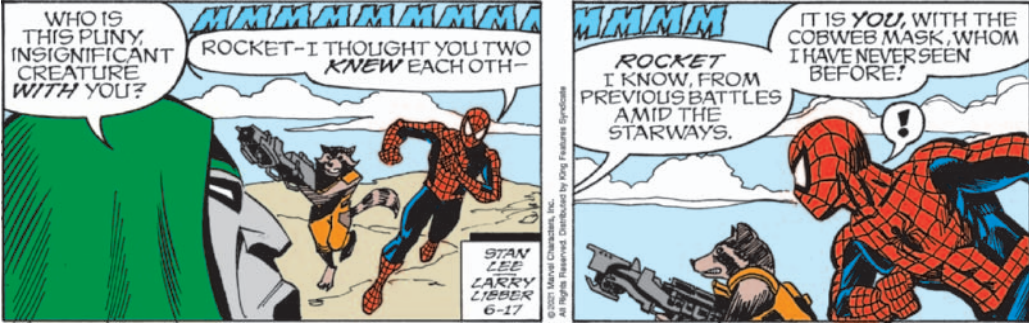
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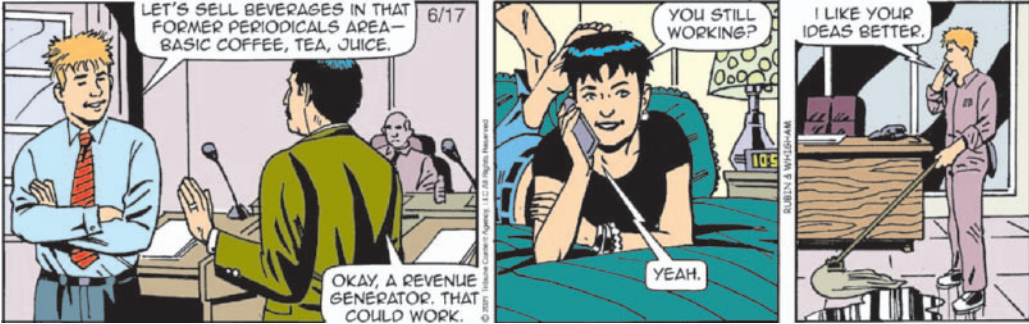
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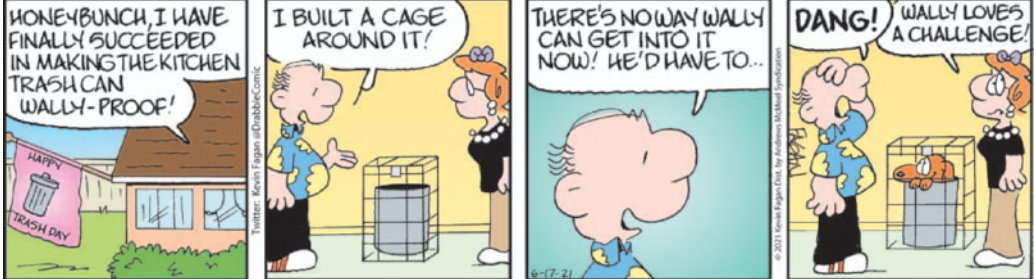
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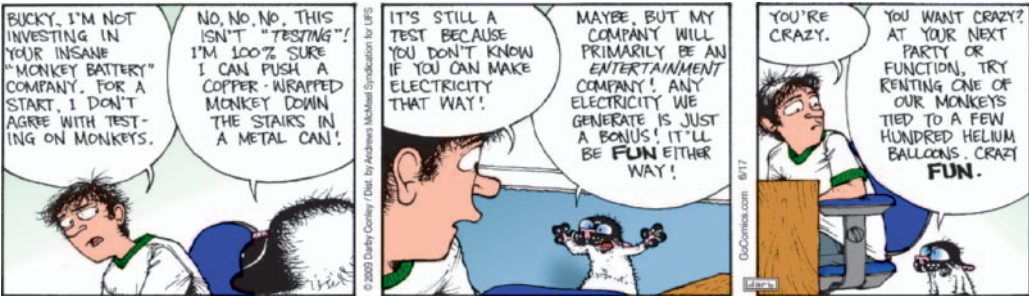
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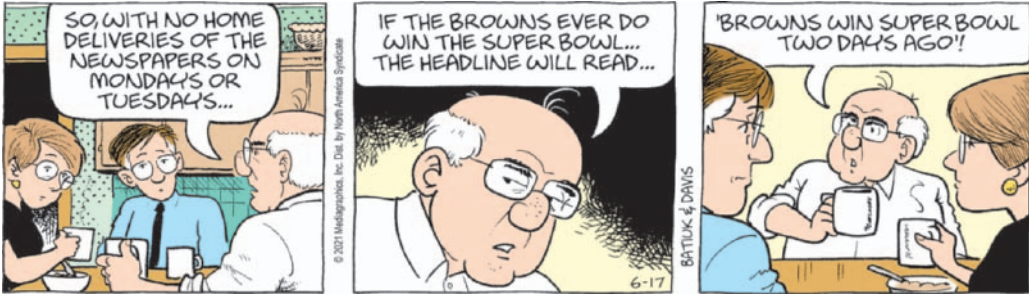
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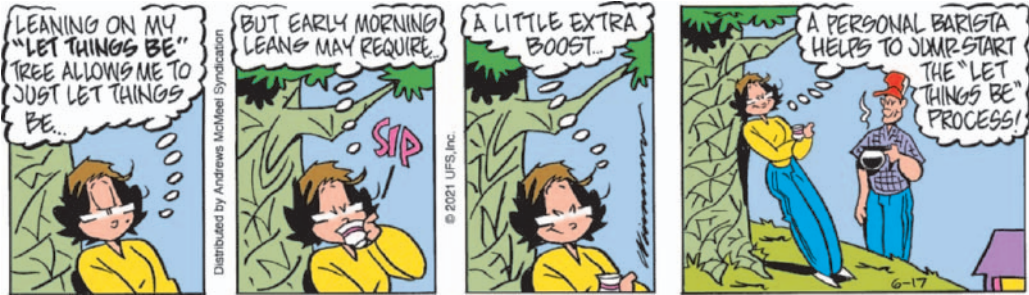
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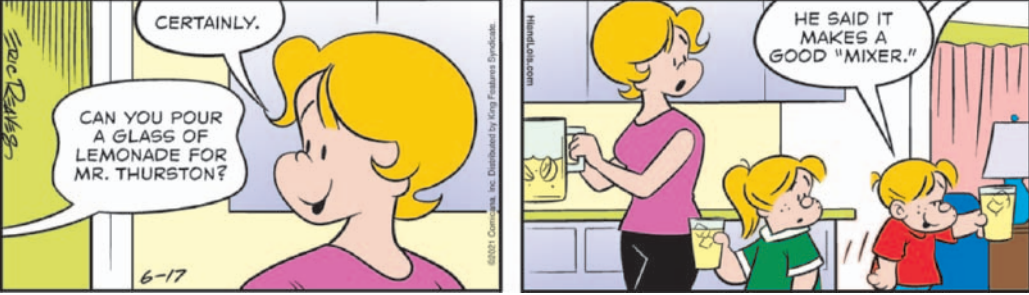
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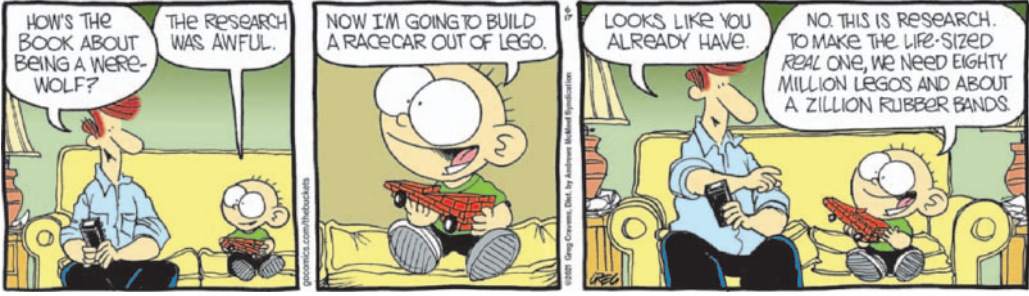
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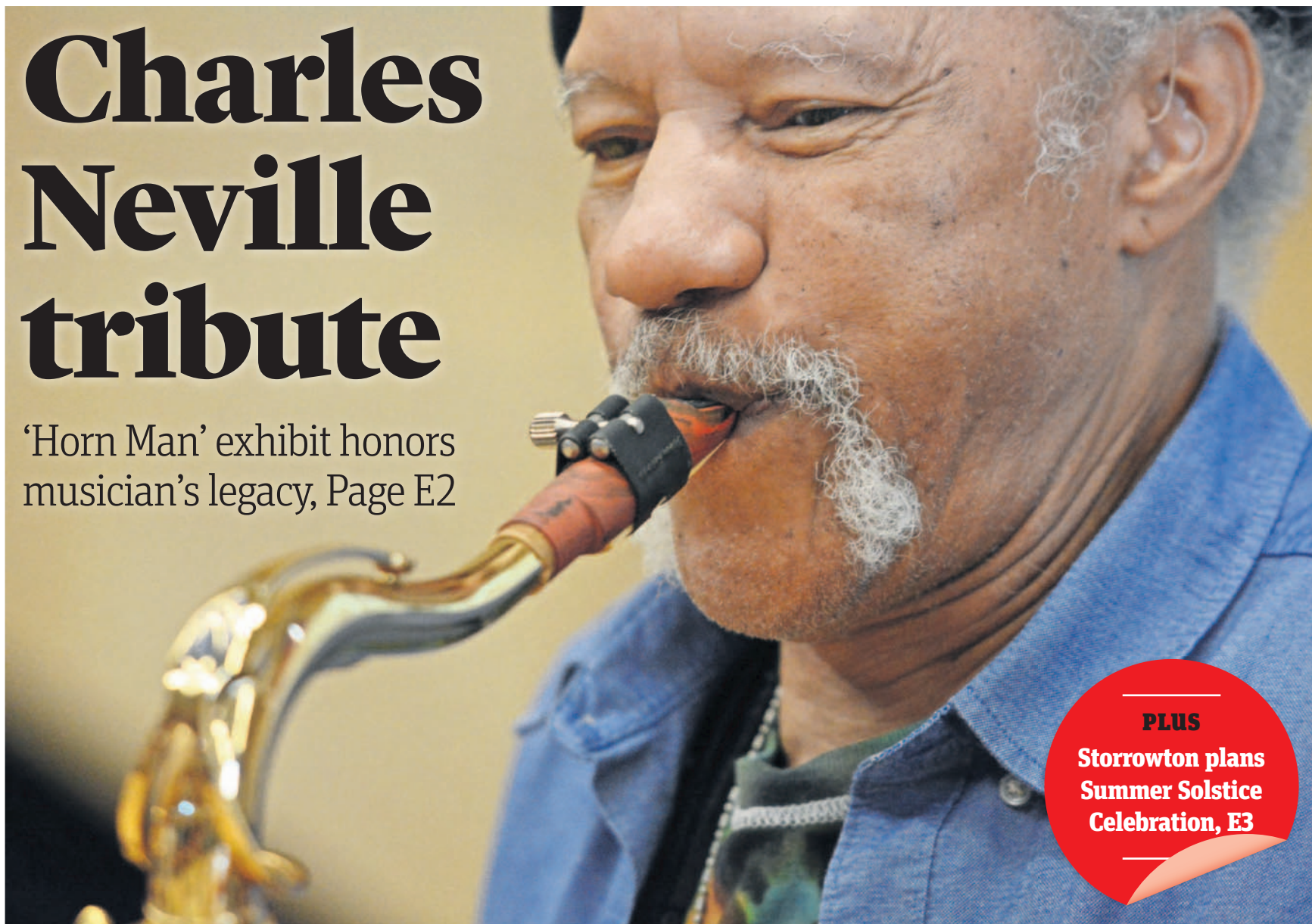
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## ON THE COVER

# 'Horn Man' exhibit honors musician's legacy

Charles Neville tribute runs Saturday to Nov. 28 at Springfield Museums

By CORI URBAN

Special to The Republican

**M**usic great Charles “Charlie the Horn Man” Neville received his first saxophone for his eighth-grade graduation; he was the valedictorian.

Now one of the many horns he used during his lifelong career will be part of “Horn Man: The Life and Musical Legacy of Charles Neville,” a display at the Wood Museum of Springfield History in Springfield which runs Saturday to Nov. 28.

The late R&B and jazz musician had lived in Huntington, where he died in 2018.

Born in 1938 in New Orleans, he became immersed in New Orleans’s musical influences early in life. He and his siblings formed the Neville Brothers, later best-known for songs that combined social consciousness with an upbeat spirit. Rhythm and blues, gospel, doo-wop, soul, rock, jazz, funk and Mardi Gras rhythms were all genres embraced by — and sometimes co-mingled in — the Nevilles’ creative work.

“Healing Chant” from their best-selling album “Yellow Moon” earned The Neville Brothers a Grammy in 1989 for best top instrumental performance.

The Wood Museum is working with Kristin G. Neville, his widow, to celebrate Neville’s life and musical legacy through the exhibition of personal mementos, musical instruments, photographs and music.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to honor Charles through this public exhibit and to share his amazing story and the legacy of his music and the greater body of music of which he was a part,” said Kristin Neville, of Huntington. “The history and the roots of American music represented by the story of Charles’ life is important for us all to know, and it connects to the racial reckoning of our present moment.”

Neville was part of the evolution of American music, rooted in Black culture, through the latter half of the 20th century and into the 21st century. He grew up steeped in the music of New Orleans, surrounded by the enduring sounds, rhythms and spirits of his ancestors. “He and his brothers each separately pursued music careers, but music was something that was essential to life for them, not just a career,” she said.

Neville was a gentle and loving man with a resilient spirit, an artist, spiritual seeker, and protector, his wife said. “His light shone so bright, it could not be diminished by the horrific experiences he endured as a young man, in a world of violent racial oppression.”

She added that having been



Charles Neville performs at the Springfield Jazz and Roots Festival on Aug. 8, 2015, in Court Square. “Horn Man: The Life and Musical Legacy of Charles Neville,” an upcoming exhibit at the Wood Museum of Springfield History in Springfield, honors the legacy of the Grammy-winning musician. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

constrained and oppressed by racism and locked in jail and prison, his ability to move and live his life freely, express himself creatively and think independently were important to him. “He was concerned with the struggle for human dignity and freedom. Coursing through him was music yearning to be released, to express what was deep in his soul and to connect with others. I think that because

of the struggles and pain he experienced in his life, he developed great empathy and kindness toward others.”

After years of struggle, “he found greater inner peace, which he transmitted through his music, and which he shared with us in our relatively quiet life in the hills of Western Mass,” she said. “I feel that his life story is one of transcendence. He made it through and rose above many

## IF YOU GO

**Event:** “Horn Man: The Life and Musical Legacy of Charles Neville”

**When:** June 19–Nov. 28

**Where:** Wood Museum of Springfield History, 21 Edwards St., Springfield

**Hours:** Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Admission:** Adults: \$25; seniors (60+): \$16.50; college students: \$16.50; youth 3–17: \$13; children under 3: free. Advance ticket purchase encouraged at [springfieldmuseums.org/tickets](https://springfieldmuseums.org/tickets).

**More information:** [springfieldmuseums.org/exhibitions/horn-man-life-legacy-charles-neville](https://springfieldmuseums.org/exhibitions/horn-man-life-legacy-charles-neville)

difficult and painful experiences, still with an open heart, an innocence and a belief in the goodness of humanity to be able to shine his ‘love light’ with all of us.”

Among the items in the museum display are several personal journals written and illustrated by Charles Neville that chronicle his battles with drug addiction, his spiritual journey and his travels throughout the world.

There are also paintings and carvings he created reflecting his strong spiritual ties to New Orleans Voodoo traditions and Eastern mysticism.

A case dedicated to his life as a musician “on the road” will feature personal items he traveled with, including a small red bag containing High John the Conqueror Root (an African American Hoodoo practice), which he always carried in his pocket, his Yin and Yang necklace, some of the instruments he played, such as his cowbell, concert passes and tour itineraries.

“With a musical career playing with world-class musicians in multiple genres, Charles Neville was part of the evolution of jazz, blues, R&B and rock from their

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The daylong Garden Party at Storowton Village's Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday will honor the history and growth of Aunt Helen's Herb Garden. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

## WEST SPRINGFIELD

# Storowton Village plans Summer Solstice Celebration

Activities include Blacksmith Collective, Juneteenth Speaker Series, Garden Party

By KEITH O'CONNOR

Special to The Republican

**T**he summer solstice — the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the official beginning of the summer season — takes place June 20 this year.

The annual event — marked around the word as early as the Stone Age with celebrations, often featuring bountiful feasts, as well as bonfires, picnics and song — will be celebrated one day early this year on Saturday at Storowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Storowton's new Summer Solstice Celebration will feature a variety of activities including a virtual and in-person Juneteenth Speaker Series, Blacksmith Collective, and Garden Party, as well as tours throughout the museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets, when purchased online at [StorowtonVillage.com](http://StorowtonVillage.com) by Friday, are \$12 per person and under 6 free, or \$15 in

person on the day of the event.

Moving the day up to Saturday allows Storowton to recognize the historic impact of Juneteenth, a holiday celebrated June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S., with a lecture and panel discussion. Juneteenth was first celebrated in Texas in 1980 and is recognized today as a state holiday in 47 states, including Massachusetts. On June 19, 1865, the last group of slaves was notified of the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

"We've been wanting to honor Juneteenth for a while. One of our goals this year is to collaborate with the community on some projects. And Vonetta Lightfoot, who is the

operations manager of Multicultural Affairs at Springfield Technical Community College, helped to make the event happen," said Jessica Fontaine, director of Storowton Village Museum.

The Juneteenth Speaker Series begins at 11 a.m. in the lower level of Storowton Meetinghouse with "The Significance of Juneteenth in History and Present" by J. Anthony Guillory, Ph.D., who teaches American history, African American history and African American literature at STCC.

Guillory's first dissertation project explores the development of physical culture initiatives within African American communal spaces along the East Coast between 1900 and 1920. He currently resides in Dallas, Texas, after six years in Massachusetts and continues as an adjunct professor of English and history while earning a second doctoral degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

At 1 p.m. there will be a panel discussion called "Land Ownership, Generational Wealth, & Inequality" moderated by Guillory, with



The Blacksmith Collective at Storowton Village Museum offers visitors an interactive look at the trade and artistry of blacksmithing in New England from the 17th to 21st century. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

speakers Nedra Lee, Ph.D. and John Diffley, Esq.

Lee examines the intersection of race and class in the lives of Blacks during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although her research currently focuses on the United States South, particularly central Texas, she has a burgeoning interest in the archaeology of New England. She has received funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Texas Historical Commission and has previously worked for

the Smithsonian Institution Libraries and the City Museum of Washington, D.C.

Diffley is a professor of history at STCC and coordinator for the Liberal Arts/General Studies Program and the Commonwealth Honors Program. Diffley earned a master of arts in history and an advanced certificate in public history from University of Massachusetts Amherst. He also earned a juris doctor degree from Western New England University School of Law and is

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## MUSIC

## Boyz II Men returning to Symphony Hall

**M**GM SPRINGfield is bringing Boyz II Men to Symphony Hall in Springfield on Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. for the first concert at the downtown venue since the pandemic began more than a year ago.

It is a return visit to Springfield for the group, which played Symphony Hall in October 2013. That show was booked by MGM Resorts prior to the opening of the Springfield casino.

The group played another show here in September 2019.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow at 10 a.m. at **MGMSpringfield.com**, **Ticketmaster.com** and the MGM Springfield box office. M Life Rewards members will receive exclusive presale access today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Grammy winners are known for many classic R&B hits including “Motown-philly,” “I’ll Make Love to You” and “End of The Road.”

For announcements and additional details on upcoming events at Symphony Hall and MGM Springfield, visit **MGMSpringfield.com**.

## Liner notes

■ **King Crimson** will bring its “Music Is Our Friend” tour to the Pines Theater at Look Park in Northampton.

**The Zappa Band** is the opening act for the Aug. 24 performance.

Gates open at 5 p.m., the show begins at 7 p.m.

“The Crimson Beast is in go! mode. Totally excellent news! Much hooraying! Glad times are here,” said founding member Robert Fripp in a statement. “The Crimson Beast Of Terror has woken from its enforced slumbering and is venturing out to stomp flat the psyches of innocents not yet experienced in the hammering onslaught of King Crimson’s uncompromising pounding — bish! bish! bish! — before turning on a beat to jellyfy hearts with gut-wrenching passion and soul-squeezing



Boyz II Men will return to Symphony Hall in Springfield on Sept. 5, the first concert at the venue since the pandemic began more than a year ago. (MARK HUMPHREY / ASSOCIATED PRESS)



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epic unfoldings to remind us that we are all mere subjects in the unfolding drama of the universe’s unfathomable mysteries while simultaneously rocking out and having a great time bopping about with Tony and Bobby and Gavin and Jakko and Mel and Pat and Jezza too.”

Tickets are on sale through **dspshows.com**.

■ **Kiss’** “End of the Road Tour” — which was postponed due to the pandemic — now has revised dates that will bring the band to Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut.

The Xfinity Center in Mansfield show kicks off the

final leg of the tour on Aug. 18 with the band playing Darling’s Waterfront Pavilion in Bangor, Maine, the following night. Kiss is set to play the Xfinity Theatre in Hartford on Aug. 22.

Tickets for the newly added dates go on sale to the general public tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Live Nation website.

Tickets for all previously rescheduled dates are on sale now.

Kiss is offering VIP experiences and special Kiss Army fan presales.

■ **The Backstreet Boys’ Nick Carter** says the group would love to play the Super Bowl halftime show.

Speaking to “Entertainment Tonight,” Carter said his band passed on an earlier opportunity to play the halftime show in 2001 in order to sing the national anthem.

“It’s interesting because we were presented the opportunity to perform at the halftime at the Super Bowl and it was in Tampa, my hometown,” he said. “At the time we came from the era of, we loved the **Whitney Houston** rendition of the national

anthem. And for us, we got the choice and we passed on the halftime.”

The halftime show that year featured **’N Sync, Aerosmith, and Britney Spears**. Carter mused about whether they would make the same choice again, hinting that his group might opt to play at halftime.

“Would I have switched? I want to do it in the future. I say maybe another halftime when the Bucs go back to the Super Bowl,” he said.

■ While vaccination rates keep climbing, there are some folks who seem to need extra incentive (beyond not getting sick or dying) to get the shot.

To this end, Chicago will be giving away tickets to Lollapalooza 2021 as a reward for citizens who get the COVID-19 vaccine, according to NBC 5 Chicago.

People who receive the vaccine at one of the city’s four vaccination sites on what is being called “Lolla Day” (June 26) will receive a one-day pass for the festival. Lollapalooza takes place at Chicago’s Grant Park from July 29 to Aug. 1.

Featured bands include **Foo Fighters, Post Malone, Tyler the Creator, Miley Cyrus, Megan Thee Stallion, Band of Horses, Young Thug, Modest Mouse**, among others.

■ **Machine Gun Kelly** will bring his new tour to Mohegan Sun Arena on Oct. 31.

The Uncasville, Connecticut, casino show is in addition to a Sept. 15 appearance at Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston and a Sept. 17 show at The Big E in West Springfield.

Kelly is hitting the road for the first time since the release of his No. 1 album, “Tickets to My Downfall,” last September.

He kicked off this year with

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admitted to practice law under the Massachusetts Bar.

Speaking engagements will be livestreamed via Zoom and are free to participate virtually, with donations welcomed. In-person participation is included with admission to the event. In-person participants should feel comfortable going up and down stairs to attend.

The Blacksmith Collective, which takes place in the Blacksmith Shop outside the Greenwich Barn, will feature demonstrations from various time periods, including early America to present day, and include featured demonstrations by volunteer blacksmiths.

"We have an amazing group of volunteer blacksmiths who stayed active during the pandemic taking classes with us and making sure their craft remained connected to history. While there were a handful of opportunities for them to perform their blacksmith duties during 2020, this is their first event to include the public since the pandemic began," Fontaine said.

The event will also feature a silent auction for an opportunity to purchase items hand forged in the village's authentic Blacksmith Shop. The auction will support its volunteer blacksmith program and other educational initiatives at the museum. It will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 3 p.m.

The highlight of the collective will be the Blacksmith Apprentice Experience, which will be held four times at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:15 p.m. Participants will be able to meet the master blacksmith at the shop and circulate through different stations trying out the role of a blacksmith apprentice. There will be an opportunity to try your hand at a variety of duties blacksmith apprentices would have performed, such as maintaining the fire, swinging a hammer, and more. "Apprentices" will receive a one-of-a-kind, hand-forged hook, a traditional blacksmith cap, and make-your-own horse shoe nail ring. Participants must be age 12 and older with parent/guardian present if under 18. All participants must sign a safety waiver



**Storowton Village's new Summer Solstice Celebration will feature a variety of activities, including a virtual and in-person Juneteenth Speaker Series, Blacksmith Collective, and Garden Party, as well as tours throughout the museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

## IF YOU GO

**Event:** Summer Solstice Celebration

**When:** Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Where:** Storowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield

**Tickets:** \$12 in advance. \$15 day-of tickets. Children under 6 are free. Additional fees apply for Blacksmith Apprentice Experience (\$25 per person) and Yoga on the Green (\$5 per person).

**More information:** [storowtonvillage.com/events/2021/summersolstice](https://storowtonvillage.com/events/2021/summersolstice)

before participation. Close-toed shoes and long pants must be worn, and a long sleeve cotton shirt is recommended. No synthetic materials allowed. Safety glasses will be provided for use during the experience. Limited spaces are available and the cost is \$25 per person. When purchasing admission to the Summer Solstice Day Celebration, Blacksmith Apprentice can be added at the online checkout at [StorowtonVillage.com/p/tickets](https://StorowtonVillage.com/p/tickets).

"The new apprenticeship is an opportunity to learn what a blacksmith does in a safe, fun environment, and hopefully encourage some to sign up to become blacksmith volunteers at the village," Fontaine said.

The daylong Garden Party will honor the history and growth of Aunt Helen's Herb Garden, a gift to Helen Storow and the Village from the Girl Scouts in 1935.

Green thumbs and other visitors can visit with the village

gardener to learn about the history and uses of herbs, the purpose of a kitchen garden, and how their gardens are used as teaching tools today. There will also be an opportunity to meet with the village cook in the Gilbert kitchen to see how homegrown produce is used in 19th century open hearth cooking.

"It will be an opportunity for visitors to enjoy the garden in the radiant sunshine and listen to our master gardener, Michele Barker, talk all about her work as a skilled and knowledgeable gardener," Fontaine said.

Museum tours and additional activities will include playing early American games on the Village Green at noon, learning about the summer solstice and various cultural celebrations in the past and present, as well as shopping in the newly renovated Village Gift Shop.

There will also be Yoga on the Village Green, a solstice-themed Gentle Yoga at 2 p.m. for \$5. The calming event is recommended for ages 12 and older. When purchasing admission to the Summer Solstice Day Celebration, yoga can be added at the online checkout at [StorowtonVillage.com/p/tickets](https://StorowtonVillage.com/p/tickets). Participants must bring their own yoga mat or add on at checkout with limited quantities available.

Attendees can also visit the Samuel Adams Beer Garden & Storowton Tavern, both of which will be open and serving a variety of menu options.

For more details and an event schedule, please visit [storowtonvillage.com/events/2021/summer-solstice](https://storowtonvillage.com/events/2021/summer-solstice).

# LiveWire

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a Times Square performance at "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve," followed by a critically hailed appearance on "Saturday Night Live."

Mohegan Sun tickets are \$129.50, \$99.50, \$79.50 and \$59.50 and go on sale June 11 at 10 a.m. via [Ticketmaster.com](https://Ticketmaster.com). Special guests on the tour include [jdxdn](https://jdxdn.com) and **Kenny Hoopla**.

## ■ Lindsey Buckingham

will bring his new tour to the Academy of Music in Northampton on Sept. 9.

The former **Fleetwood Mac** guitarist, songwriter and vocalist will be touring in support of his upcoming eponymous album, his first new release in a decade, which is due on Sept. 17.

The first single, "I Don't Mind," has already dropped.

"I wanted to make a pop album, but I also wanted to make stops along the way with songs that resemble art more than pop," Buckingham said in a press release. "As you age, hopefully you keep getting a little more grounded in the craft of what you're doing."

Tickets are available via Eventbrite at [eventbrite.com/e/lindsey-buckingham-tickets-158601255625](https://eventbrite.com/e/lindsey-buckingham-tickets-158601255625).

The tour will also stop at The Chevalier Theater in Medford on Sept. 11.

Tickets for that show are available through Ticketmaster.

■ **Earth, Wind & Fire** will play the Mohegan Sun Arena on Dec. 10.

Last year, the band celebrated the 50th anniversary of its career, during which the group released 23 albums, sold over 100 million albums and scored eight No. 1 hits, including such renowned songs as "September," "Boogie Wonderland," "After the Love Has Gone" and "Shining Star."

The band also won nine Grammy Awards, including one for "Lifetime Achievement" in 2012. In 2000, Earth, Wind & Fire was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the show at the Uncasville, Connecticut, casino are \$67, \$57 and \$47 and are on sale now via [Ticketmaster.com](https://Ticketmaster.com).

■ **Coldplay's** upcoming album was inspired by "Star Wars," so it probably makes sense that frontman **Chris Martin** recently said he would like to perform on the moon.

Of course such an endeavor raises the philosophical question: If you rock out in space, would anyone hear it? After all, space is a vacuum that doesn't carry sound.

"Not many people have done it, that's true," he said on Westwood One's Zach Sang Show. "But isn't there an issue that if you play on the moon no one can actually hear? I am confused about the atmosphere."

Coldplay has already dropped a music video for a new single, "Higher Power," which features the group performing on the fictional planet of Kaotica.

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## MOVIES



Godzilla battles Kong in the action adventure "Godzilla vs. Kong."

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## DVD RELEASES

## Godzilla, Kong head (back) to small screen

Tribune News Service

The latest entry in the MonsterVerse franchise, pitting two beloved film titans against each other, tops the DVD releases for this week.

### "Godzilla vs. Kong":

Though it debuted on HBO Max and in theaters simultaneously at the end of March, the movie marked the return of the blockbuster to the big screen after a year of pandemic-driven delays and postponements.

"Director Adam Wingard knows how to deliver what a movie titled 'Godzilla vs. Kong' should be" writes Tribune News Service critic Katie Walsh in her review of the fourth MonsterVerse entry, which follows "Godzilla" (2014), "Kong: Skull Island" (2017) and "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" (2019).

"As befitting the franchise, entirely too many actors have been cast to run around the feet of Godzilla and Kong spouting vaguely scientific dialogue," Walsh writes, and the film does indeed boast a considerable cast, including Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry, Eiza Gonzalez and Kyle Chandler.

While the movie's story may be lacking, the action lives up the billing. "Wingard knows the appeal of this film is two beloved movie giants pulverizing a city, and offers that

spectacle dripping in neon and techno," writes Walsh. "Break out the glow sticks, it's time for the kaiju rave that is 'Godzilla vs. Kong.'"

### Also new on DVD

**"French Exit":** Michelle Pfeiffer is an aging New York socialite on the verge of being broke, so she moves into a small Paris apartment with her adult son and cat.

**"Voyagers":** A multigenerational spaceship carrying the future of humanity descends into chaos and madness. Stars Colin Farrell, Tye Sheridan and Lily-Rose Depp.

**"SAS: Red Notice":** It's up to an SAS agent who was just along for the ride to save the day when a group of mercenaries betrayed by the British government take a Chunnel train hostage.

**"Anything for Jackson":** A grieving Satanist couple summon more than they bargained for as they find themselves battling demonic forces.

**"Rock Dog 2: Rock Around the Park":** Animated feature follows canine rockers True Blue, who leave their small town home to tour with pop star Lil' Foxy and learn that there's always a price to fame.

**"The Walking Dead: World Beyond, Season 1":** "Walking Dead" spinoff set a

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## ONLINE STREAMING

## 'Infinite' leads new films

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

The Washington Post

Mark Wahlberg stars in Antoine Fuqua's "Infinite," a head-trippy but otherwise formulaic action thriller based on the book "The Reincarnation Papers." After a somewhat chaotic and confusing 1985 prologue — centering on a guy named Heinrich Treadway (Dylan O'Brien) in a car speeding through Mexico City, during what on-screen titles identify as "the last life" — the action jumps to 2020 New York City, "in this life," where it only gradually becomes clear what the heck going on. Wahlberg's Evan McCauley — a guy so good at trivia his nickname is "Wikipedia," who somehow knows how to forge samurai swords without ever having been trained — is the reincarnation of Treadway. People keep calling him that. People who, like Evan, are "Infinities" — i.e., they have perfect recall of all their previous lives (along with all their ever-accumulating wisdom and knowledge). But Evan just thinks he's schizophrenic. This is an interesting concept: an action flick based on a slightly superficial interpretation of the concepts of enlightenment and karma. Eventually the film settles into its far less interesting groove, in which Evan and his presumed girlfriend from a previous lifetime (Sophie Cookson) team up to find and disable a doomsday device invented by a nihilistic Infinite named Bathurst (Chiwetel Ejiofor), who wants to escape from the endless prison of infinitude by destroying the world. Lots of car chases and gun battles ensue, along with a funny appearance by Jason Mantzoukas as an Infinite called the Artisan, who helps Evan come to accept that he's not crazy. All this culminates in a pretty cool bit of midair hand-to-hand combat between Evan and Bathurst. It ain't nirvana, but it is a kick in the pants. PG-13. Available on Para-



Chiwetel Ejiofor, left, and Mark Wahlberg in "Infinite."

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Jessica Barden stars in "Holler." (IFC FILMS)

mount Plus. Contains sequences of strong violence, some bloody images, coarse language and brief drug use. 106 minutes.

### Also streaming

Saul Williams ("Slam") stars as a man raised amid violence that he has long struggled to escape in the crime thriller "Akilla's Escape." Williams plays the manager of a cannabis dispensary who is drawn into a world of violent gangs when his dispensary is robbed, in a drama that jumps between 1995 New York and 2020 Toronto. Variety call the film a "mature crime picture whose decades-hopping action makes the effects of generational poverty obvious without having to spell it out." Unrated. Available on various streaming platforms. 90 minutes.

A pandemic of near-univer-

sal insomnia follows in the wake of a mysterious catastrophe that also seems to have caused the global failure of all electronic devices in the thriller "Awake." Gina Rodriguez plays the mother of a child (Ariana Greenblatt) whose unexplained ability to sleep may hold the solution. TV-MA. Available on Netflix. 97 minutes.

Writer-director Nicole Riegel's drama "Holler" stars Jessica Barden ("The Lobster") as Ruth, an Ohio teen who dreams of escaping her dead-end town by joining a dangerous and illegal scrap metal crew to pay for college. According to Variety, "The director has a secret weapon in Barden, who makes Ruth's story relatable, even to those who've been fortunate enough to avoid such hardship." R. Available on various streaming platforms. contains coarse language and sexual references. 90 minutes.

In the action thriller "Rogue Hostage," Tyrese Gibson plays a former Marine with post-traumatic stress disorder whose skill set is called upon when he is trapped inside a grocery store with his daughter (Zani Jones Mbayise) and stepfather (John Malkovich) by terrorists who are holding customers hostage. Unrated. Available on various streaming platforms. 87 minutes.



DVD

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decade after the zombie apocalypse focuses on the first generation to grow up with the terrifying new normal.

**“The Space Between”:** Kelsey Grammer stars as an eccentric washed-up musician in this inspiring coming-of-age story set amid the ’90s Los Angeles music scene.

**“Enforcement”:** Danish drama examining police brutality follows two officers trapped in a riot after the police killing of a young Muslim man.

**Out on Digital HD**

**“H.P. Lovecraft’s The Deep Ones”:** A couple rents a beachside Airbnb, but reviews didn’t say anything about a mysterious cult or ancient sea god.

**“Lost Airmen of Buchenwald”:** Documentary about the 168 Allied airmen sent to Nazi Germany’s Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II and their fight for survival.

**“The Misfits”:** Pierce Brosnan is a renowned thief recruited for an elaborate gold heist. Also starring Jamie Chung and Tim Roth.

**“Night Walk”:** Framed for murder and now behind bars, a man seeking revenge partners with a dangerous gang to break out of prison.

Exhibit

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roots in the musical cultures of New Orleans and the Mississippi River Delta,” said Maggie Humberston, curator of library and archives at the Wood Museum. “Faced with racism, addiction, criminalization and violence, Charles used music to keep his spirit centered, gentle and kind. He exemplified courageous, peaceful resistance, using music to touch diverse people and unite them in common humanity across racial divides. His story is an important story to share.”

As part of the new exhibit, five motion-activated listening stations will play music, readings from family members and quotes

MOVIE REVIEW

‘The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard’ is a big miss

BY KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

Back in 2017, I reviewed Patrick Hughes’ noisy buddy action comedy “The Hitman’s Bodyguard” and said, “this film should have traded the hitman’s bodyguard for his wife — she’s the most compelling character in it.” It seems they took my advice for the sequel, “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard,” and after watching that film I have realized how very, very wrong I was four years ago. I’m so sorry.

The outlandish Sonia Kincaid (Salma Hayek) is much more appealing in small doses, popping up as a bit of feminine comic relief, as she did in the first film. In the sequel, she is, of course the wife of the hitman (Samuel L. Jackson), and indeed, with a bodyguard (Ryan Reynolds) in tow, though he’s not doing much guarding of bodies. It’s apparent quite quickly that Sonia in the lead is far too much Sonia.

Hughes, and screenwriters Tom O’Connor, Brandon Murphy and Phillip Murphy take a “more is more” approach to everything in “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard”: more explosions, more gun battles, more boob jokes, more



Antonio Banderas, left, and Salma Hayek in a scene from “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard.” (DAVID APPLEBY / LIONSGATE VIA AP)

‘THE HITMAN’S WIFE’S BODYGUARD’

★☆☆☆  
**Rated:** R  
**Running time:** 99 min.  
**Playing at:** Cinemark Enfield, Hadley, West Springfield; Greenfield Garden Cinemas; Regal MGM Springfield

daddy issues. At least they’ve brought this one in at a cool 99 minutes.

In this iteration, Reynold’s Michael Bryce, a sensitive soul, laments the loss of his Triple A bodyguard license after the events of the first film. At the behest of a therapist, he decamps to Capri to decompress, where he bumps into Sonia at a mass shooting, as you do. Sonia, who can only be described as sexily terrify-

ing, slightly feral, and aggressively maternal, has scooped Michael up at the request of her new husband Darius. Except she misheard him, and soon the odd throuple are unhappily on the road in Italy, dodging bullets, per usual.

What overly complicated international incident have they gotten themselves into this time? It involves Antonio Banderas as a flamboyant Greek shipping magnate/terrorist, Aristotle Papadopolous, who is procuring diamond tipped drills on the black market in order to access the data junction boxes that control all

of Europe. When the junction boxes are infected with a virus, the electrical grid goes hooey, sowing chaos. He’s doing this for as revenge for EU sanctions on Greece, or just for funnies. Who knows. Frank Grillo is also involved as an American Interpol agent who enlists the terrible threesome of Darius, Sonia, and Michael.

Along the way, the trio learns to work together and to work out their own issues while engaging in very many, very loud shootouts and car chases through picturesque European cities. It’s the kind of action filmmaking that makes you wince and recoil, rather than gape in wonder.

Some may enjoy the cacophonous, raunchy, lowest-common denominator dreck that “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard” has to offer. To those I say, godspeed. But it’s undeniable that the actors, the audiences, and the filmmakers all deserve better.

from Neville that correspond with the written panels they are near. The playlists highlight his musical influences as well as examples of his own music.

“The sound is only directed to that specific spot so it is intended for one to two listeners at a time. Other visitors throughout the gallery won’t hear that playlist. There is no distinguishable sound overflow,” explained Phyllis Jurkowski, administrative and collections specialist at the Wood Museum.

The Wood Museum of Springfield History celebrates the spirit of innovation and resilience of the many people and communities who have contributed to vibrancy of the city and region. “Charles Neville moved to the Connecticut River Valley with his family in 1998 and ever after

called Western Massachusetts his home. He brought a rich history of music with him, which he continued to share in the region and throughout the nation,” Humberston said. “Neville’s life story and the legacy of his music is celebrated in this interactive, music-filled exhibit.”

This exhibit is a continuation of the Wood Museum’s efforts to tell the story of all peoples and joins such earlier projects as “A Commitment of a Lifetime: The Instruments of Will Cumpiano” and “Blues in Our Blood: The Artistic Evolution of Taj Mahal and Carole Fredericks.”

For more information, visit [springfieldmuseums.org/exhibitions/horn-man-life-legacy-charles-neville](http://springfieldmuseums.org/exhibitions/horn-man-life-legacy-charles-neville).

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## DINE &amp; WINE



The bNapoli Italian Restaurant, at 185 Elm St. in West Springfield, ranked among OpenTable's Top 10 restaurants for Western Massachusetts. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

## OpenTable produces its Top 10 list for Western Mass.

**B**EST RESTAURANT around? It's a question to which the answer will vary widely depending on of whom it is asked.

There was a time when such pronouncements were the prerogative of food writers and professional critics, but in the 21st century we all have a way to make our opinions widely known — online reviews.

OpenTable, the online reservation service, collects and analyzes over 400,000 new diner reviews it receives every month. Periodically it uses those summaries to generate a crowd-sourced overview of the establishments OpenTable users consider to be the best of the best.

Its recent Top 10 list for Western Massachusetts proved to be an interesting cross section of local dining destinations. Of the 10 restaurants OpenTable afforded "Best Overall Restaurant" status, six were from the Pioneer Valley.

Restaurants on the "Best Overall" roster include bNapoli in West Springfield, with its contemporary Italian



**HUGH ROBERT**  
OFF THE MENU

fare; Johnny's Tavern in Amherst; and Hanna Devine's in Ware.

Tucker's Restaurant in Southwick earned a spot, as did 30Boltwood, the in-house restaurant at Amherst's Inn on Boltwood.

The only Northampton listing, the Tunnel Bar, apparently gained its place due to its "reservations" policy, since food is not a significant aspect of the Tunnel Bar experience.

The remaining four slots on the "Best Overall" list were claimed by Berkshire County operations, including the well-regarded Mezza Bistro + Bar; the Barn Kitchen at The Williams Inn (both in

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## 6 wines worth splurging on for Father's Day

**I**'M PROBABLY NOT the only person who has a tough time coming up with gift ideas for their dad.

Part of it probably has to do with age.

I'm no spring chicken. My dad's a little older. And as time goes by, many of us have many of the things we need in life, as well as a few extras.

How many ties do most men really need nowadays? I honestly can't remember the last time I wore one, especially in the last year.

The same goes for golf shirts, pint glasses and many other popular Father's Day gifts.

So what should you get your father for Father's Day?

If you're like me, you're in luck. Because when all else fails, there's nothing my father loves more than a great bottle of wine.

It works the same way both ways as well.

One of my favorite gifts my dad gives my wife and I is a case of wine each Christmas. He spends the whole year looking for great wines and then gives us a mixed case.

This week, I thought I would recommend a few wines (six to be exact) perfect for Father's Day. They're all dry red wines. Four are from California. One's from France. The other's from Italy. Hope you enjoy and hope you have a great Father's Day as well.

### Wines recommended this week

■ 2018 Landmark Vineyards Grand Detour Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast California (\$35 Suggested Retail Price)

■ 2016 Simi Alexander Valley Landslide Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50 SRP)

■ 2018 Stags Leap The Investor Napa Valley (\$60 SRP)

■ 2019 Flowers Sonoma



The six red wines Ken Ross recommends for Father's Day.

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**KEN ROSS**  
WINE PRESS

Coast Pinot Noir (\$55 SRP)

■ 2018 Pio Cesare Barbera D'Alba (\$25 SRP)

■ 2017 Lassegue Saint Emilion Grand Cru (\$65 SRP)

### Wine tasting notes

**2018 Landmark Vineyards Grand Detour Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast California**

**Region:** Sonoma County, California

**Grapes:** 100% pinot noir

**Tasting notes:** Landmark Vineyards consistently produces high-quality wines for a reasonable price. This delicious pinot noir is no exception. Clean and crisp straight out of the bottle, this easy-going, earthy wine has a delightful, subtle fruit finish, with hints of cherry and strawberry mixed with

a dash of cedar and licorice. This smooth, silky wine is perfect for a relaxing Sunday afternoon.

**2016 Simi Alexander Valley Landslide Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Region:** Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California

**Grapes:** 100% cabernet sauvignon

**Tasting notes:** Another outstanding wine from California's Sonoma County, this vibrant red wine has an elegant, refined finish brimming with a wide range of flavors — from roasted blackberries and cherries to hints of dark chocolate and even toast. Just make sure to give this wine enough time to breathe (about an hour before you plan on drinking the wine) and open up in order to reach its full potential.

**2018 Stags Leap The Investor Napa Valley**

**Region:** Napa Valley, California

**Grapes:** Blend of merlot, petite syrah, cabernet sauvignon and malbec.

**Tasting notes:** Another one of my favorite California wineries in recent years, this

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## DINE &amp; WINE

# 4 beer opinions I can live without

**W**HEN YOU'VE been drinking at brewpubs (and writing a beer column) as long as I have, you hear a lot of opinions.

Most of these opinions are harmless takes on various brews, styles and/or beer industry news/trends. They are the fodder for lively exchanges between those of us who belly up to the bar and engage in the camaraderie that comes with that territory.

But I also have repeatedly heard certain opinions that make my eyes roll back in my head. These are usually also harmless, but irritating in their generic ignorance. I always try to be kind when responding to such opinions, even though they are often promulgated by those who seem like know-it-alls (one of my least favorite types of person).

So I decided to write about four particular contentions that I have heard more than once over the years – ones that make me have to bite my tongue a bit.

## 'This beer is no good.'

I think what you actually mean to say is, "I don't like this beer." Just because you don't enjoy something doesn't relegate it to the "no good" category. We all have our own tastes, which are largely subjective. Chances are that the beer you're talking about is made well and enjoyed by plenty of people. Otherwise it probably wouldn't be on the beer menu at the establishment where you're drinking.

Sure, you may get a beer that's actually gone bad, or maybe a problem surfaced with a particular batch, and the beer you got is indeed "no good." But many times, it's just a taste preference thing. We are all the center of our own universes, but we should try not to make ourselves the center of everyone else's.



**GEORGE LENKER**  
BEER NUT

## 'This beer changed; it used to be better.'

Do beers change? Sure. They do so for various reasons. But you know what else changes. Your palate. Age, illness, climate, your mood, and a host of other factors can affect how you perceive things, including your tastes. So maybe your local brewery tweaked your favorite stout and you noticed because you're incredibly familiar with it. But I'd also wager that in many cases your palate has shifted.

## 'They changed the recipe of this beer.'

This is really opinion 2-b, as it's an offshoot of the one above. Barroom "experts" love to hold court about this sort of thing. And guess what? They may actually be right. My issue with this opinion isn't that it's wrong. It's the way it's often stated as a criticism. Yes, breweries sometimes have to change recipes for different reasons. Maybe a hop variety is not available. Or maybe the price of certain ingredients would raise the price to an untenable level. Or maybe the brewer is someone who likes to tweak his brews to try to make them better (especially true in smaller breweries). Or any number of other reasons.

Things change. Your favorite TV show gets canceled. Your favorite band breaks  
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## Beer

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up. Apple makes you use EarPods instead of wired earbuds. You can whine about these things, but it ain't gonna help. And when it comes to beer recipes, cut your local brewer some slack.

**'This place makes too many (IPAs/sours/weird beers/whatever).'**

Some breweries focus on a style. Some find a niche with a certain type of brew. Some just

make what they like. But guess what? Whatever the menu reflects also must work for the place, otherwise it would not stay in business. Except for incredibly tiny venues with limited tap handles, I've never seen a beer place without a reasonable selection (again, unless that's its thing: to focus on one corner of the market).

Maybe it's actually you who has the limited viewpoint. A place doesn't have your favorite style? Try something different. We all can always open our minds a bit more.

Cheers.

## Wine

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luxurious, velvety smooth wine has a wonderful, long finish. Reminiscent of a great, blended red wine from France's Bordeaux region, this well-rounded wine has a multitude of flavors — including roasted blackberries, blueberries, plums and hints of toasted almonds, vanilla and a dash of oak. A truly wonderful wine ready to drink now or few years down the road.

### 2019 Flowers Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

**Region:** Sonoma County, California

**Grapes:** 100% pinot noir

**Tasting notes:** You might have to do a bit of digging to find this highly sought after California pinot noir from this renowned winery. Although I should add you can order the wine directly from the winery. Famous for growing its grapes on the rugged coastline in Sonoma County, the result is an earthy yet elegant wine with a fantastic, long finish. Flavors range from roasted cherries and plums to hints of sea salt and toasted almonds. A great wine now, but likely even better if you can manage to wait five to 10 years.

### 2018 Pio Cesare Barbera D'Alba

**Region:** Barbera d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy

**Grapes:** 100% barbera

**Tasting notes:** One of the best known wineries (Pio

Cesare) from one of the best known wine regions in Italy (Piedmont), this delicious wine hits all the right notes — vibrant fruit flavors (plum and blackberries, in particular) without being too sweet or cloying. Instead, this dry yet voluptuous wine has a fresh, inviting finish that tastes great straight out of the bottle and goes great with a wide range of foods, from grilled meats and pasta to pizza or great simply on its own.

### 2017 Lassegue Saint Emilion Grand Cru

**Region:** Saint Emilion, Bordeaux, France

**Grapes:** Blend of merlot, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon

**Tasting notes:** Fans of dry, austere, red wines will love this understated yet intense red wine from France's famed Bordeaux region. Made with grapes from 40- to 50-year old vines in limestone-rich soil, then aged in French oak for 12 months, this wine has a flinty yet earthy finish, with notes of dried blackberries and roasted almonds as well as a slightly smoky finish and a dash of sea salt. The only problem you'll probably have with this wine is you might be tempted to age it for another 5 to 10 years. But good luck resisting the urge to open a bottle this coming weekend with your dad.

Cheers!

*Wine Press by Ken Ross appears on Masslive.com every Monday and in The Republican's weekend section every Thursday.*

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# Menu

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Williamstown); Cafe Boulud at Blantyre in Lenox; and the Stagecoach Tavern in Great Barrington.

Of course, like any aggregation of opinion, the OpenTable list has biases built in. Only those restaurants that use the OpenTable system of online reservations would be among the restaurants included, so otherwise top-notch operations not affiliated with OpenTable have no chance to make the list.

## Side dishes

■ **The Irish House Restaurant and Trinity Pub** at the Irish Cultural Center in West Springfield has announced that it has converted its Sunday brunch experience into a buffet. The brunch is being served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with seating inside and on the patio. Reservations are suggested.

The menu includes morning favorites such as scrambled eggs and bacon but also components of a traditional Irish country breakfast — black pudding, baked beans, Irish bangers, and soda bread.

Also available is the restaurant's Bloody Mary bar, an option that allows guests to specify a liquor, mixture, rim, and garnish for their own personalized Bloody Mary experience.

For more details, contact the restaurant at 413-342-4358.



The Irish House Restaurant and Trinity Pub, inside the Irish Cultural Center at 429 Morgan Road in West Springfield, has announced that it has converted its Sunday brunch experience into a buffet. The brunch is being served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Champney's Restaurant & Tavern at the Deerfield Inn, 81 Old Main St. in Deerfield, is celebrating Father's Day on Sunday with a "Burger Day" special. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

■ June is National Dairy Month, and in celebration of the occasion, six area dairies have teamed up to sponsor #dairy crawl2021. Those choosing to participate in the crawl will get a "passport" they can have stamped at each location they visit. A completed passport enters the holder in a drawing to win at \$25 gift certificate.

Participating dairies include **Smiarowski Farmstand and Creamery** in Sunderland, **McCray's Country Creamery** in South Hadley, and four Hadley locations — **North Hadley Sugar Shack and Market**, **Flayvors of Cook Farm**, **Barstow's Dairy Store and Bakery**, and **Maple Valley Creamery**.

More details on #dairy crawl2021 are available at [facebook.com/buylocalfood.org](https://facebook.com/buylocalfood.org).

■ **Starbucks**, the Seattle-based coffee shop chain,

has announced that, starting June 22, customers can once again bring in their own reusable cups, a practice suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Acceptance of customer-provided cups will be on a contactless basis, with only clean cups accepted. Customers will place their container in a Starbucks-provided holder, which will permit the barista to make their drink without coming into direct contact with the cup provided. For the time being, the reusable cup option will not be available with drive-thru service.

■ New in Northampton is **Masa Mexicano**, a restaurant that's specializing in authentic Mexican cuisine.

Located on Pine Street in Northampton's Florence neighborhood, Masa Mexicano offers a menu that includes tacos filled with pork, braised beef, pulled chicken, and a vegan walnut-mushroom mixture.

"Torta" sandwiches are a house specialty, and the restaurant prepares favorites such as carne asada and quesadilla.

A take-home dinner pack for four is also advertised.

The restaurant's menu can be found online at [masamexicano.com](https://masamexicano.com); its telephone number is 413-570-4738.

■ Earlier this year a flash mob of retail day traders made news by taking on Wall Street's "smart money," causing hedge funds

and other investment professionals to lose millions as the prices of so-called "meme stocks" like AMC Entertainment Holdings and GameStop fluctuated wildly.

In early June **The Wendy's Company**, which operates the burger chain of the same name, suddenly became a focus of the day traders, thanks to plenty of internet buzz on sites like the Reddit forum [r/wallstreetbets](https://www.reddit.com/r/wallstreetbets).

On June 8 the share price of The Wendy's Company jumped 18%, even though there was no significant news — good or bad — about the brand that day. The chain had, however, previously reported better-than-expected results for the first quarter of 2021.

Wall Street watchers downplayed the sudden burst of interest in the stock, describing it as unlikely to become the next GameStop.

■ **Champney's Restaurant** at the Deerfield Inn in Deerfield is celebrating Father's Day on Sunday with a "Burger Day" special.

The "all-day" deal is a build-your-own opportunity, with the choice of a Black Angus beef patty, a Champney's veggie burger, or a Faroe Island salmon burger priced at \$15. An extensive array of topping — sauteed mushrooms, caramelized onions, bacon, Swiss cheese, and more — will be available to customize Dad's burger at no additional charge.

Champney's, which will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Father's Day, will also be serving its regular lunch and dinner menu.

This summer Champney's is presenting a monthly program of "Food & Wine & Jazz Fridays." Each of the evenings will feature a four-course

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The first Food & Wine & Jazz Friday is planned for June 25 at 6 p.m. Cost to attend is \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity; reservations are required.

Champney’s answers at 413-774-5587.

■ Convenient or intrusive? That’s the question being asked of **McDonald’s Corp.** as the firm rolls out a new drive-thru ordering technology known as Apprente. Built around voice recognition technology and artificial intelligence, Apprente is designed to assist (and ultimately replace) a live human as order taker in the hamburger chain’s drive-thru operations.

The problem that some privacy advocates have with Apprente is that it collects biometric data on customer voices and license plate information, links that data to what a customer orders, and stores the result as a profile that can be used to suggestive sell on subsequent visits.

A lawsuit was filed recently in Illinois where McDonald’s is field testing the new technology. The lawsuit contends that Apprente violates that state’s Biometric Information Privacy Act by collecting and storing voice profiles without a customer’s informed consent.

■ Canton-based **Dunkin’** is “taking it to the streets” this summer to promote its newest coffee varieties with its “Discover Your New Brew” sampling truck.

Throughout the summer, the truck will be deployed to neighborhoods, community centers, and apartment complexes across the Pioneer Valley, offering free hot or iced coffee from a rotating lineup of Dunkin’s newest flavors.

Dunkin’, like other breakfast-related restaurant operations, has been working to reestablish customer purchasing habits as people transition back to the office and workplace.

Guests can nominate a location for a visit from the truck by going to **Discover YourNewBrew.com**.

■ **Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar** locations have introduced two new salad plates for the hot weather months ahead.

A “Quesadilla Chicken Salad” features grilled chicken over lettuce with black bean corn salsa. Garnishes of cilantro ranch dressing, tortilla strips, and pico de gallo complete the presentation, which also comes with a cheese quesadilla.

An iceberg lettuce wedge anchors a new “Buffalo Chicken Wedge Salad,” which also includes tomatoes, red onion and celery. Fried chicken tossed in Buffalo sauce tops the salad, which is also finished with blue cheese dressing. A garlic-butter-brushed breadstick is also included.

Both items are available for a limited time only.

■ Electing to rely on outdoor seating only, the **Alvah Stone Restaurant** at the Bookmill in Montague has rebranded itself as “The Deck at the Alvah Stone.”

The establishment’s terrace overlooking the Sawmill River will be open for dining on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon until 7 p.m., weather permitting. Seating is first come, first served.

Described by owner Howard Wein as “a fun, casual cousin of The Alvah Stone with a completely different vibe,” the menu at The Deck has a grill-cooked focus. Barbecue is available, as is a prime strip steak, grilled salmon, burgers, and hot dogs.

Takeout service with online ordering is also offered.

The restaurant’s phone number is 413-367-5345; its web address is **thealvahstone.com**.

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## Opera-inspired pasta hits a high note

By LINDA GASSENHEIMER  
Tribune News Service

Taste the flavors of Sicily in this traditional Sicilian dish. Eggplant gives a meaty-like texture to this vegetarian dinner. The recipe originated in Catania on the Eastern coast of Sicily and is named after the opera “Norma,” which was composed by Sicilian Vincenzo Bellini.

The Parmesan cheese for the garnish is shredded instead of grated. To shred the cheese, use a grater that has large holes. Or you can use grated Parmesan cheese.

### PASTA ALLA NORMA

Makes 2 servings

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 pound eggplant, skin on cut into 1-inch pieces (about 5½ cups)  
2 crushed garlic cloves  
Pinch red pepper flakes  
1 cup marinara sauce  
¼ pound rigatoni pasta (about 2 cups)  
¼ cup ricotta cheese  
Salt and freshly ground

black pepper  
¼ cup fresh basil, torn into bite-size pieces  
2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Place a large pot ¾ filled with water on to boil. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the eggplant and saute about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Lower heat to medium and add garlic, red pepper flakes, and marinara sauce. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes.

When water comes to a boil add rigatoni and boil 8 minutes. Drain leaving 2 to 3 tablespoons water in the pot. Return rigatoni to the

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Pasta alla Norma. (LINDA GASSENHEIMER / TNS)





Strawberry Pretzel Pie.  
(JOHNNY MILLER / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

# Savor a sweet, simple summer pie

By MARGAUX LASKEY  
New York Times

This is a wonderful but simple summer pie inspired by strawberry pretzel salad, a popular Southern dessert. The classic recipe consists of a crumbled pretzel crust, a whipped cream cheese and Cool Whip filling, and a top layer of strawberry Jell-O.

In this fresher adaptation, crushed pretzels form the foundation of an easy shortbread crust, followed by a fluffy cream filling and a pile of fresh strawberries, omitting the use of gelatin.

## STRAWBERRY PRETZEL PIE

Makes 8 servings

- 14 tablespoons unsalted butter (1-¾ sticks), softened, plus more for greasing the pan
- 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons unsifted powdered sugar
- 3 cups mini snack pretzels, finely ground

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 ounces cream cheese
- 1½ cups very cold heavy whipping cream
- 1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced lengthwise

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Shrimp Remoulade Salad.  
(LAURA CHASE DE FORMIGNY / WASHINGTON POST)

# Warm days, cool choice

Tangy remoulade adds interest to shrimp and avocado salad

By ANN MALONEY  
Washington Post

Order shrimp remoulade in a New Orleans restaurant and, depending on where you are sitting, your shrimp may be served with a creamy pinkish sauce studded with spices, a deep red one heavy on horseradish and Creole mustard, a delicate seasoned mayonnaise with lots of fresh herbs, or even a white, creamy sauce with a touch of garlic.

“Now, as you see, there’s only a scant amount of oil in there. It’s just there to give the sauce the right consistency and help the vegetables puree.”

Chef Frank Brigtsen

People have their favorites, of course, and one of mine is at Brigtsen’s Restaurant, opened in 1986 by chef Frank Brigtsen and his wife Marna in the Carrollton area of the city, just a short stroll from the Mississippi River levee. “This is a great example in Creole cuisine where we’ve taken a classic French recipe and made it nothing like the French and adapted to our taste,” Frank Brigtsen said. “French remoulade is made with mayonnaise, gherkins, chervil and capers, but here in New Orleans, of course, it’s totally different.”

Brigtsen’s leans more toward astringency than creaminess, which is what makes me crave it as the weather warms. “It has evolved over the years,” he said of his pungent sauce. The sauce is thick from finely chopped celery, scallions and parsley. It gets its kick from raw garlic, Creole mustard, yellow mustard, lemon juice, horseradish and vinegar. Ketchup and paprika give it a reddish tint and provide a hint of sweetness. Brigtsen long ago removed the egg from his version of remoulade. “Now, as you see, there’s only a scant amount of oil in there,” he said of the quarter cup. “It’s just there to give the sauce the right consistency and help the vegetables puree.”

The way he serves the shrimp remoulade is a meal unto itself, so that’s how I usually enjoy it – as an entree.

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TRADITIONAL **POTATO SALAD** IS MADE WITH MAYONNAISE AND HARD-BOILED EGGS, BUT HERE, OLIVES, LEMON, CAPERS AND FRESH HERBS GIVE IT A **ZESTY LIFT**.



This Cypriot-style potato salad is made with olives, mint, lemon and olive instead of mayonnaise.  
(GRETCHEN MCKAY / TNS)

# Cypriot potato salad adds Mediterranean sizzle

By GRETCHEN MCKAY  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Now that it’s almost officially summer, chances are you’re dusting off the grill for a cookout. If you’re looking to spruce up your side dishes with a more global focus, consider Yasmin Khan’s lush new book, “Ripe Figs.”

It takes readers on a culinary journey through the Mediterranean, with seasonal vegetable-forward dishes from Turkey, Greece and Cyprus that would add flavor to any cookout, picnic or barbecue.

This easy potato salad is a regional specialty of Cyprus. Traditional potato salad is made with mayonnaise and hard-boiled eggs, but here, olives, lemon, capers and fresh herbs give it a zesty lift. It’s just as good served with grilled meats or fish

and also works well as part of a mezze spread. The original recipe calls for Cypriot potatoes, or potatoes from Cyprus — no easy find in Pittsburgh. Instead I used baby Yukon gold potatoes. Capers add a salty, lemony bite. However you enjoy the salad — it can be eaten hot, cold or at room temperature — you’ll want to toss the potatoes in the dressing while they’re still warm so they can absorb the flavors.

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Hot Dogs with Pico de Gallo. (CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

# Top hot dogs with pico de gallo

By GENEVIEVE KO  
New York Times

I want a butterflied hot dog, charred and covered in pico de gallo, preferably eaten on the beach. I want ceviche with shrimp and scallops. I want pulpo straight off the grill. Pan con tomate! Panzanella! A summer pudding cake, dripping with fruit juices, for dessert. Do drinks count? I also want a watermelon agua fresca — or a mojito. Tanya Sichynsky, a New York Times cooking editor, tops salty, snappy grilled hot dogs with bright pico de gallo. Combining those two elements of fully loaded Mexican hot dogs makes these easy to cook for a crowd and tote to a cookout. You can prepare the pico de gallo early in the day and keep it in an airtight container until ready to pile onto the hot dogs, split to cradle the fresh filling.

## HOT DOGS WITH PICO DE GALLO

Makes 4 servings

- For the pico de gallo:
- 2 ripe but firm tomatoes (1 pound), cored, seeded and diced (2 cups)
  - ½ small white onion (4 ounces), finely diced (1 cup)
  - 2 jalapeños (3 ounces), stemmed, seeded (if desired) and finely chopped (½ cup)
  - ½ cup cilantro leaves and tender stems, finely chopped
  - 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice, plus more to taste
- Kosher salt
- For the hot dogs:
- 4 hot dogs, 4 hot dog buns
  - 2 tablespoons mayonnaise (optional)

Prepare an outdoor charcoal grill or a gas grill to medium heat. You should be able to hold your hand 5 inches above the coals for 7 to 9 seconds before it becomes too hot. Or heat a grill pan on the stovetop over medium.

Make the pico de gallo by combining the tomatoes, onion, jalapeños, cilantro and lime juice in a medium bowl. Season with salt and mix well. Taste and add more lime juice and salt, if desired.

Butterfly the hot dogs: Slice them in half lengthwise without cutting all the way through the skin, then open them so they sit flat. Place them on the grill, cut-side down, and cook until grill marks appear, 3 to 5 minutes. Flip the hot dogs and cook skin-side down until the skin deepens in color, 2 to 4 minutes.

Meanwhile, open the hot dog buns and spread the mayonnaise on the cut sides, if you like. Grill, cut-side down, until toasted, 1 to 2 minutes, then flip and grill until lightly toasted, about 1 minute.

Place the grilled hot dogs in the toasted buns, cut-side up, then pile the pico de gallo into the butterflied opening. Serve immediately, with any remaining pico de gallo on the side.

- Recipe adapted by Genevieve Ko

# Pasta

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pot and toss with the ricotta cheese. Add the rigatoni mixture to the eggplant in the skillet. Mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste. Divide

between two dinner plates and top with basil and shredded Parmesan cheese.

Nutrition per serving: 471 calories (29% from fat), 15.1 g fat (4.8 g saturated, 5.3 g monounsaturated), 22 mg cholesterol, 16.6 g protein, 69 g carbohydrates,

The recipe originated in Catania on the Eastern coast of Sicily and is named after the opera “Norma,” which was composed by Sicilian Vincenzo Bellini.

11.2 g fiber, 164 mg sodium.  
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# Salad

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The plate includes a chiffonade of iceberg lettuce, topped with well-seasoned shrimp and a generous portion of that remoulade. Sharing the plate are deviled eggs and guacamole, which provide a creamy counterbalance to that assertive sauce, Brigtsen said. “Shrimp remoulade is one of the dishes that requires iceberg lettuce,” Brigtsen said. “You have to have a chiffonade of iceberg lettuce. It’s a vital part of it to me. We buy iceberg lettuce strictly for that.”

I scaled down his recipe for a portion more suited to home cooks.

While Brigtsen is cool with home cooks tweaking, he did offer this advice: “One of the challenges of only tasting one component of a dish is that you’re not sitting down and tasting the whole dish together.”

For example, he noted that a cook in his kitchen began cutting back on the lime in his guacamole until he explained: “We’re not serving guacamole. We’re serving shrimp remoulade with guacamole, and so the lime is perfect.”

So, if you taste the sauce and it seems too bright, too strong, try it with a bit of boiled egg, avocado and shrimp and see how the flavors come together.

## SHRIMP REMOULADE SALAD

Makes 4 servings

- For the shrimp:
- 1 tablespoon fine sea salt or table salt
- 1 lemon
- 24 large shrimp (26-30 per pound), peeled and deveined
- 4 large eggs
- For the remoulade sauce:
- 1½ cups (about 7 ounces) chopped celery
- ½ cup (2½ ounces or 3 large) chopped scallions
- ¼ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- ¼ cup Creole or stone-ground mustard
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1½ tablespoons lemon juice
- 1½ tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1½ tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more as needed
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Tabasco
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

For the salad:

- Torn leaves from 1 head butter, Bibb or iceberg lettuce (about 10 ounces)
- 1 avocado, halved, pitted and sliced (optional)
- 4 radishes, thinly sliced (optional)

Make the shrimp: Bring a medium pot of generously salted water to a boil. Quarter the lemon, squeeze it into the water and then drop it into the pot. Add the shrimp, reduce the heat to medium-low and poach until the shrimp turns pink and curled, 2 to 3 minutes. Slice one shrimp open to see that it is opaque throughout, then drain and spread on a platter to cool. (The cooking time will vary with the size of the shrimp.)

To hard-cook the eggs, add about 1 inch of water to a medium pot and bring to a boil. Place the eggs in a steamer insert that fits in the pot and gently lower the steamer into the pot. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and steam the eggs for 13 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare an ice bath in a medium bowl. When the eggs are finished steaming, transfer them to the ice bath and let sit for 5 minutes, then peel.

While the eggs are steaming, make the remoulade: In a food processor, combine the celery, scallions, parsley an garlic, and pulse until finely chopped. Add the Creole or stone-ground mustard, ketchup, lemon juice, horseradish, red wine vinegar, sweet paprika, yellow mustard, salt and hot sauce and pulse until well combined. Scrape down the sides of the processor bowl, if necessary. With the machine running, slowly add the oil in a thin stream until fully incorporated. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Divide the lettuce among four plates. Quarter each egg and place them around the edges of the lettuce. Top the lettuce with six shrimp per plate and sprinkle with sliced avocado and radishes, if using. Spoon equal portions of the remoulade sauce on top of each portion, or serve the sauce on the side.

Nutrition information per serving: calories: 300; total fat: 19 g; saturated fat: 3 g; cholesterol: 239 mg; sodium: 1180 mg; carbohydrates: 14 g; dietary fiber: 3 g; sugar: 5 g; protein: 14 g

This analysis is an estimate based on available ingredients and this preparation. It should not substitute for a dietitian’s or nutritionist’s advice.

— *Remoulade sauce recipe adapted from chef Frank Brigtsen of Brigtsen’s Restaurant in New Orleans.*



Cypriot-style potato salad made with olives, lemon, mint and olive oil offers a taste of the Mediterranean. (GRETCHEN MCKAY / PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE / TNS)

# Sizzle

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## CYPRIOT POTATO SALAD

Makes 4 servings

- 2 pounds new potatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more for seasoning
- Finely grated zest from 1 medium unwaxed lemon
- ¼ red onion finely sliced
- ½ cup kalamata olives, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons capers, drained and rinsed
- Handful of fresh mint leaves, finely chopped
- Handful of fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Peel potatoes or leave the skin on. Cut potatoes into large (2-inch) chunks. (I used halved unpeeled baby potatoes.)

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Add 1 teaspoon salt and the potatoes to the pot and boil for about 12 minutes or until they are tender. Drain and place in a serving bowl.

Add the remaining ingredients, along with ¼ teaspoon salt and a good grind or two of black pepper.

— “*Ripe Figs: Recipes and Stories from Turkey, Greece and Cyprus*” by Yasmin Khan (W.W. Norton, \$35)

# Pasta dish makes for quick, thrifty meal

By Aaron Hutcherson

Washington Post

I’m a big fan of salt and savoriness, so it’s no surprise I love brined things. Brining infuses food with extra flavor and also helps to preserve it, which is why items like marinated artichoke hearts and capers deserve room on your pantry shelves. And while you’re there, grab a box of pasta and some breadcrumbs and you’re ready to cook this recipe.

You’ll start by making some seasoned panko breadcrumbs. Sure, you could use any pre-seasoned breadcrumbs that you might have on hand, but I like to buy plain ones because they are more versatile and then I can season them as I see fit. In this recipe, we toast panko, Italian seasoning and garlic powder in some olive oil until golden. The breadcrumbs add a nice crunchy topping to the pasta, but to be honest, they’re so good I would eat them sprinkled on just about anything.

The sauce for the pasta, if you can call it that, begins with sauteed artichokes and capers. I like nonpareil capers mostly because I think their small size makes them cute, but they also offer the best flavor and texture. Any capers you have around will work in this recipe. Since the artichoke brine is already full of flavor, some of it is added to the pan along with a spoonful of honey, for balance.

You might notice that I didn’t add salt outside of boiling the pasta and a



Pasta With Artichokes, Capers and Toasted Breadcrumbs. (LAURA CHASE DE FORMIGNY / WASHINGTON POST)

Any capers you have around will work in this recipe. Since the artichoke brine is already full of flavor, some of it is added to the pan along with a spoonful of honey, for balance.

pinch with the breadcrumbs. That’s not a mistake. The artichokes and capers contain plenty of salt already, and I found this recipe to be perfectly seasoned, so be careful about going on autopilot and accidentally ending up with an overly salty dish.

The toasted panko can be prepared and stored in an airtight container at room temperature up to three days. Leftover pasta can be refrigerated for up to four days.

## PASTA WITH ARTICHOKE, CAPERS AND TOASTED BREADCRUMBS

Makes 2 to 4 servings

- Kosher salt
- 8 ounces spaghetti, or any other long pasta
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ½ cup panko or other

- breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning blend
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- One (12 ounce) jar marinated artichoke hearts
- 2 tablespoons nonpareil capers, coarsely chopped
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon honey

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to package directions until al dente. Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water, then drain the pasta.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, warm 2 tablespoons of olive oil until shimmering. Add the panko, Italian seasoning blend, garlic powder and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring, until the panko is nicely toasted, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a

bowl, wipe out the skillet and return it to the stove.

Drain the artichokes, reserving ¼ cup of the marinating liquid. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the skillet and heat until shimmering. Add the artichokes, capers and black pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the artichokes start to brown, about 7 minutes.

Add the honey and reserved artichoke marinating liquid and cook for about 1 minute. Add the drained pasta to the skillet and toss until coated, adding the reserved pasta water as needed, if the mixture looks too dry. Transfer the pasta to a serving platter or individual bowls, sprinkle with the panko mixture and serve.

Nutrition information (based on 4 servings): calories: 448; total fat: 19 g; saturated fat: 2 g; cholesterol: 0 mg; sodium: 521 mg; carbohydrates: 55 g; dietary fiber: 4 g; sugar: 3 g; protein: 10 g.

— *Recipe from staff writer Aaron Hutcherson.*

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